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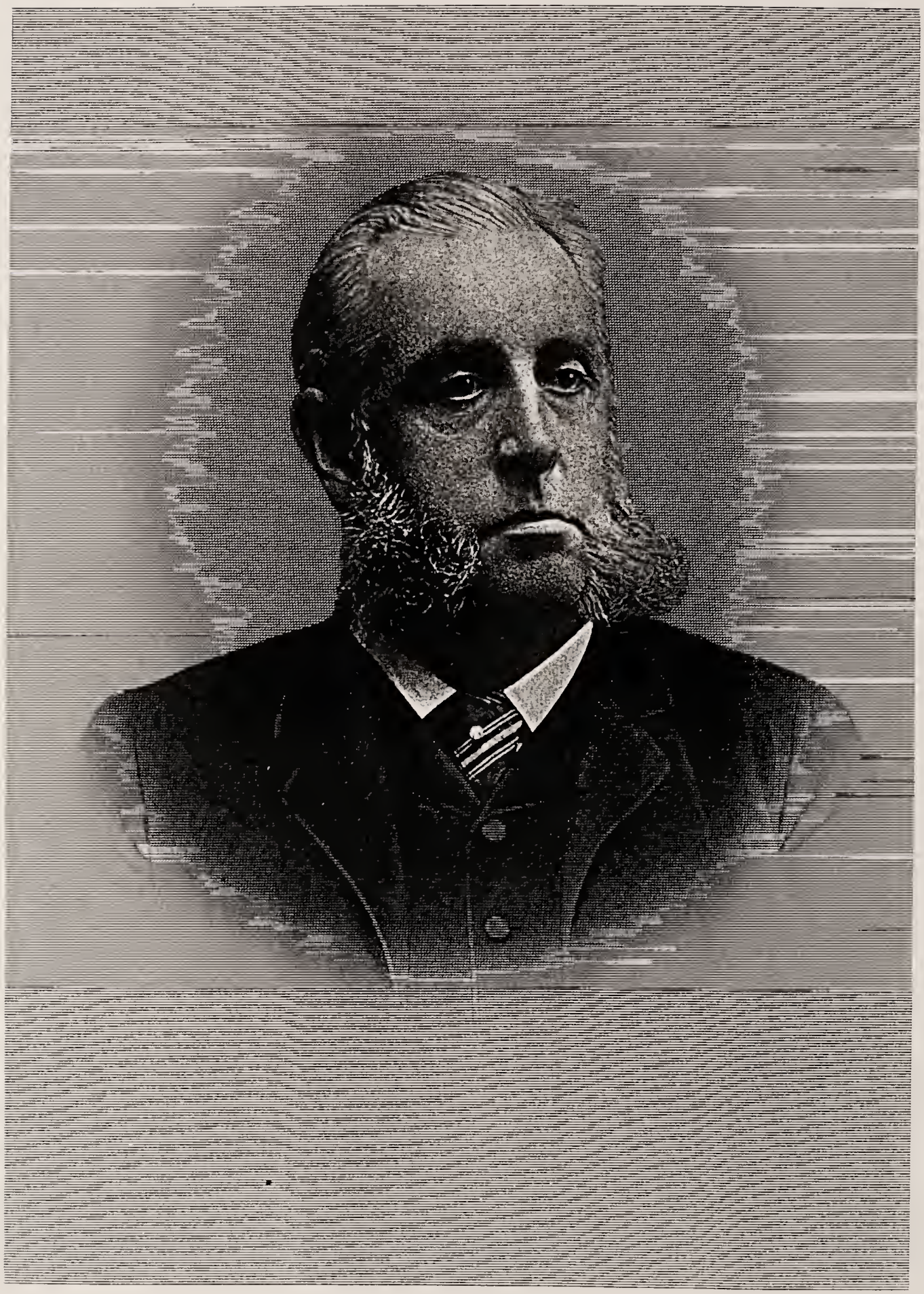


Marcus C. Hawley

Sarah A. Hawley.

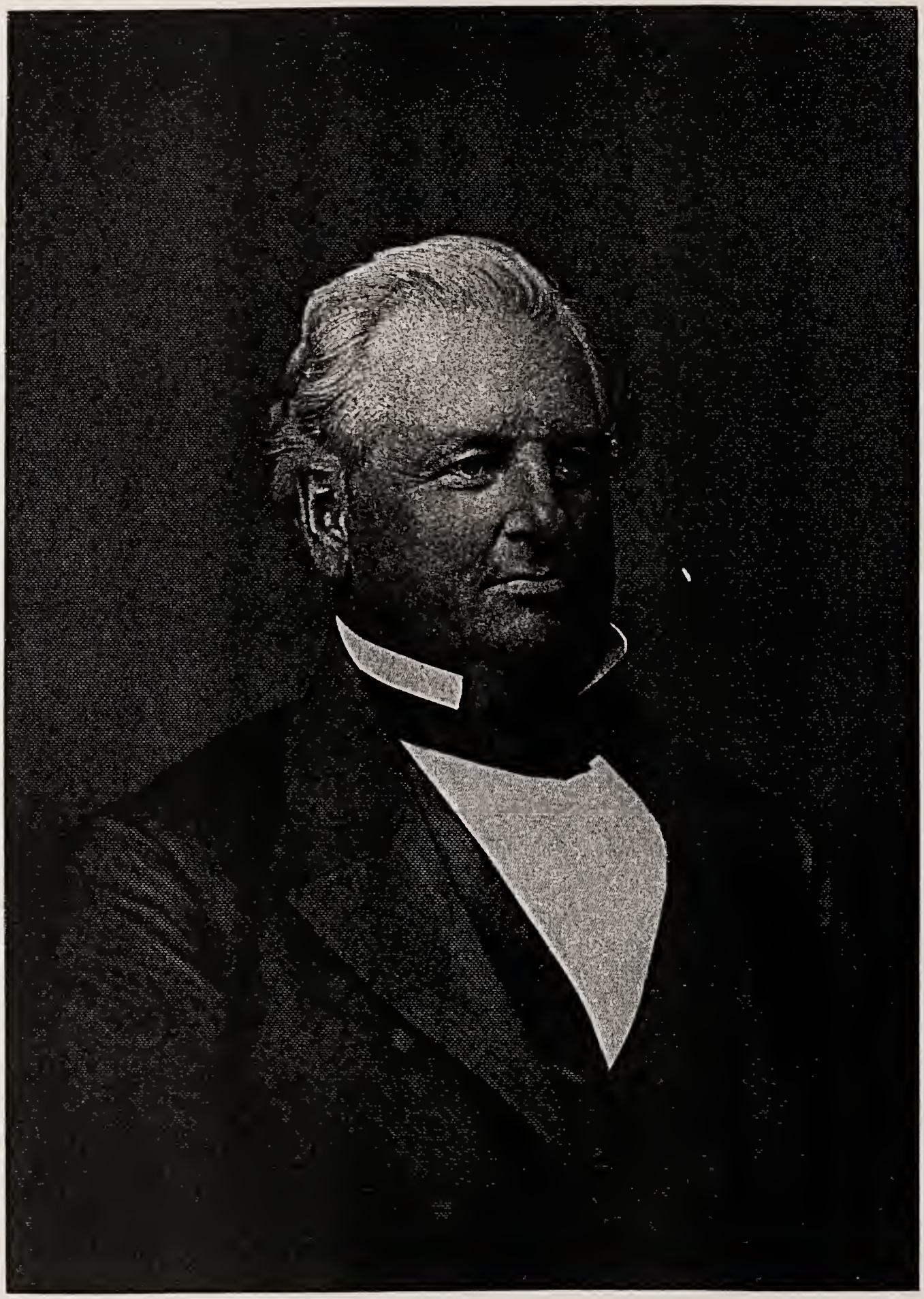
BIOGRAPHICAL

MARCUS C. HAWLEY

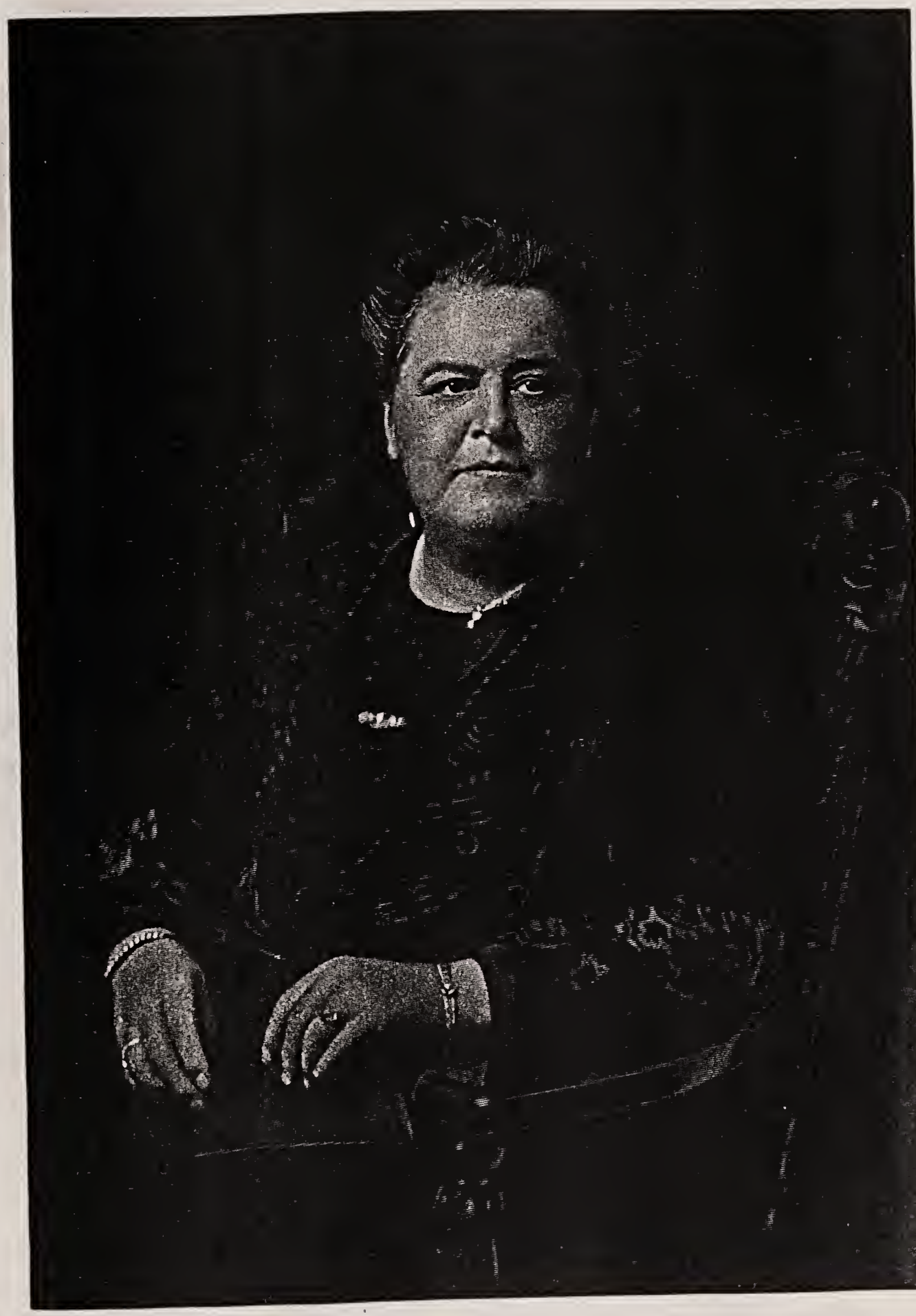
The story of the life record of Marcus C. Hawley is so closely interwoven with business activity and development in both the east and the west as to have become an integral part in the history of both sections of the country. Moreover, his life story is one of notable achievement. His ready recognition of opportunity pointed to him the way to success and he proceeded steadily along a well defined course until the results were most gratifying. His vision was particularly broad and his insight keen and thus it was that his judgment in business affairs was rarely, if ever, at fault. He was a member of one of the oldest families of New England and was in the eighth generation in descent from Joseph Hawley, who came from England to America in 1629-30 and in 1650 purchased property at Stratford. The line of descent from Joseph is through Samuel of Stratford, Deacon Thomas, Captain Ezra, Thomas, Captain Abijah and Thomas, all of Stratfield, afterward called Bridgeport. Captain Abijah Hawley, grandfather of Marcus C., was head of the firm of Abijah Hawley & Company, engaged in the Boston coasting grain business and West Indies trade. Thomas Hawley, his youngest son and the father of the subject of this review, early in life became identified with mercantile interests in Bridgeport. He became one of the leading business men of the city, operating a highly successful hardware establishment. Following the discovery of gold in California in 1849 he founded a business in San Francisco, with which his son, Marcus C., was prominently connected. Thomas Hawley died in 1875 and had been in the hardware trade probably longer than any other man in the state, his identification covering a period of forty-nine years. He was first a member

of the South Congregational church but later became one of the founders of the First Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder. He was married in 1832 to Jane Maria Nichols, daughter of David Nichols, Jr., and Polly (Booth) Nichols.

Their eldest son, Marcus C. Hawley, was born at Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 9th of January, 1834, and his last days were passed in Newtown, where his memory is revered and honored. His education was acquired in private schools of his native city and when he was a youth of sixteen years his father, who was a hardware merchant, decided that the boy Marcus should enter the counting rooms of the father's store. His preliminary business training was thus received. In 1849 his father established a hardware and implement business in San Francisco under the name of Hawley & Company, and though the beginning was small, like the proverbial acorn which grows into the great oak, the establishment in time became one of the largest of the kind in the country. The business constantly developed in scope and importance until its ramifying trade connections reached out over the length and breadth of the land. The original enterprise, founded by the father in Bridgeport, dated from 1829 and the passing years chronicled the steady advance and development of the undertaking. In 1882 the business was incorporated under the firm name of Hawley Brothers Hardware Company, Marcus C. becoming president of the company and his brother, George T., vice president and treasurer. For some years the parent house had branches at Los Angeles, known as Hawley, King & Company, and at San Diego as Todd & Hawley. Marcus C. Hawley thoroughly mastered every phase and branch of the business and constantly enlarged its scope, studying and meeting the demands of the trade and anticipating its future requirements. The firm's agricultural interests were a large part of their business, and in these lines it was a common occurrence for them to ship out train loads of agricultural goods. At one time, it was said, the house virtually controlled the California market on nails, being the only jobbers having large stocks in San Francisco and en route by sea. It was not alone in the hardware and implement field, however, that Marcus C. Hawley became known as an outstanding figure in business circles. He saw the trend of western development and became identified with various business interests which led to the



Thomas Hawley



Mary E. Hawley

rapid utilization of the resources of the northwest and in fact of the entire Pacific coast. Until a short time before his death Mr. Hawley was president of the Shreveport & Houston Railroad, in which corporation he was also a director. He was a director of the water works both at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Houston, Texas, and vice president of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company, with all of which interests he was prominently identified for a number of years. He became one of the large stockholders in the Oregon Improvement Company, in the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, the Oregon Short Line Company and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, together with the Union Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroads. As a railway builder he and his associates opened up vast sections of the country to settlement and improvement and the extent and worth of his labors in this connection can scarcely be overestimated. Mr. Hawley during all those years made his home in Connecticut and looked after the eastern interests of the California business. His office was in New York, to which he went almost every day, making him perhaps the most frequent commuter on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. An extensive traveler, he crossed the American continent from ocean to ocean ninety-eight times and also made frequent trips to Europe and Mexico.

In 1856 Mr. Hawley married Miss Sarah A. Booth, a daughter of Dr. Cyrenius H. and Sarah (Edmond) Booth and granddaughter of Judge William Edmond of Newtown. Mrs. Hawley died January 17, 1920. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawley, as follows: William B., who died in 1864 at the age of four years; William E., who died in 1880 at the age of fifteen years; Harry C., whose death occurred in 1870, when he was two years of age; and Mary E. The last named resides at Newtown and finds her greatest happiness in spending the wealth acquired by her father for the benefit of the town. She gave one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars for the erection of the Hawley school and an additional hundred thousand for its maintenance. She was also the donor of a half million dollars to be used in the erection of Edmond Town Hall, which is now (1929) under course of construction, this gift being in memory of her maternal great-grandfather, Judge William Edmond. Many other gifts, including the beautiful memorial receiving vault, the two memor-

ial gates and the landscaping of the Newtown Village Cemetery, show her generous spirit and her keen interest in the welfare and adornment of the town in which the family home was maintained and in which her father spent his last years. His life was one of notable achievement. He possessed marked ability to plan and to perform, and obstacles and difficulties in his path seemed to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part. He experienced keen joy in finding the solution for intricate and involved business problems and such was the regard entertained for his judgment that other business men hesitated not to follow his example. Mr. Hawley died January 15, 1899.

PETER M. DAVEY

Business development in Bridgeport and other cities of Connecticut has been greatly stimulated by Peter M. Davey, James H. Davey and their associates in the firm of Davey Brothers, Inc., of which the first named is president. In this connection he has charge of the operations of a chain of grocery stores extending throughout the state and is a conspicuous member of that select company of enterprising business men who are capable of controlling the forces of trade and commerce and directing them for the benefit of the majority.

Mr. Davey was born in the town of Collooney, in the county of Sligo, Ireland, and is one of the eleven children of John and Ann (Conroy) Davey, who were the parents of nine sons and two daughters. When the sons arrived at the age when they were ready to begin their business training they were sent to the large general store conducted by Mrs. Mary Henry in the city of Sligo. She was a relative of Mrs. John Davey, and the establishment, which had been in her family since 1798, had a well deserved reputation for thorough methods. At intervals during a period of sixteen years, eight of the brothers served their apprenticeship there, becoming thoroughly disciplined in the business of purveying foodstuffs.

Two of the brothers, Thomas and Stephen Davey, supplemented this training by further work for the famous London firm of Sir Thomas Lipton, who was then beginning to cover the

British Isles with chain grocery stores. In 1906 the two brothers above mentioned sailed for America and found employment with Andrew Davey, who was also a Sligo man but not of the same family. A few years later they were joined by James and Peter, who were followed by Michael, Frank and Joseph Davey. Within a short time after their arrival in this country all were either managers or superintendents of the Andrew Davey stores in New York city. This rapid advancement was due to certain characteristics which all had in common. They were religious young men, rigidly practicing the precepts of their church. They were hard working, giving their employer full measure, heaped up and running over. Well trained in their line of work, they were full of ambition, energy and determination to serve America and themselves to the utmost.

After a few years of experience, Peter and James Davey one Sunday afternoon in 1914, just about the time the World war started, visited Bridgeport to see the home of the Barnum and Bailey circus. The city proved so interesting that they decided to return, this time taking a day off to survey it, with the object of opening a grocery store on their own account. Looking for a site, they walked out State street and saw at the corner of Iranstan avenue a block of eight newly erected stores, all of them vacant. The famous red sign of the Bridgeport Land and Title Company stood out boldly on the window, and going back to these agents, the prospective tenants went in to strike a bargain in rent. They obtained one of the stores for thirty dollars a month and their first lease that same day. This store was opened six weeks later and the gross sales for the first Saturday's business were thirty-seven dollars and forty cents. Afterward the daily sales for quite a while amounted in gross to from seven to ten dollars a day. Of course no store could survive on that amount, but Peter and James Davey hung grimly on to the job and after about six months the trade increased to such an extent that the store was on a paying basis and a second one was opened. Orders were then delivered by bicycle or by horse and wagon.

After this as the business was being established and Davey Brothers' methods became favorably known in Bridgeport and the surrounding towns, then booming as they never did before, stores were opened at the rate of seven or eight a year, and this

program was followed until the chain consisted of twenty stores. By this time Andrew Davey, who had reached the age of seventy-five years, was ready to retire from business and wished to dispose of his Connecticut stores. These were twenty in number, six being located in Danbury and all convenient to the territory already served by Davey Brothers. The latter firm acquired these stores, each with its own manager, and all are now directed from the Davey headquarters at No. 357 Water street in Bridgeport, where the general offices and warehouses are situated.

The firm of Davey Brothers, Inc., now has a chain of one hundred and ten grocery stores, established in twenty-seven Connecticut cities and towns. The latest acquisition to the chain is the store at No. 25 Main street, Danbury, conducted by J. E. Small for fifty years. A few facts will convey an idea of what is involved in operating these red-front stores. The members of the firm buy almost everything by the carload. During the year they use three hundred carloads of potatoes, each car holding from forty to forty-five thousand pounds. The weekly consumption of sugar amounts to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, and each week they sell one hundred and forty thousand eggs. Butter, cheese, tea and coffee run into millions of pounds monthly. The stores are served from the central warehouse by large trucks. They are supervised by several superintendents, who see that everything is kept in perfect order.

The policy of Davey Brothers, Inc., is to supply its customers with nothing but the highest grade of well known products and serve them courteously and promptly. Canned and bottled goods in a Davey Brothers store are submitted to severe tests. Only the best are offered to the trade. Most of such goods in these stores may be called "fancy." They are better than good. The firm handles the nationally advertised brands that the housewife knows about. This is an assurance that low prices do not mean low quality. The goods are standard. The quality fixed. The lower price is a real advantage. The Davey Brothers butter has been the talk of southern New England for years. It must conform to the highest standards. The firm gives to its customers the benefit of every saving available through the economies of abundant capital, skillful management, wide distribution and large buying power. Business in all of the Davey Brothers stores

is conducted on the cash-and-carry basis and the gross annual sales of the firm are now more than three million dollars.

This is the story of the growth of the business of Davey Brothers, Inc. Of the nine brothers, two did not come to America. John remained to conduct the farm at Collooney and Bartholomew settled in Auckland, New Zealand. The Bridgeport firm originally consisted of seven brothers, but Thomas and Stephen have been claimed by death. Davey Brothers, Inc., is a closed corporation and the present officers are: Peter M. Davey, president and treasurer; James H. Davey, vice president; Michael A. Davey, secretary; and Frank M. and Joseph B. Davey, directors. Their triumph has been summed up in these words of Peter M. Davey, who says: "America gives you what you want, but you have to work for it." All of the brothers are tireless workers who know perfectly the tasks which they have to do. They have weathered one or two financial panics since they have been in business and theirs is now regarded as among the most stable of Connecticut commercial organizations. Their success is not due to a fortunate combination of circumstances, but is the direct result of knowledge, efficiency, unremitting industry and strict adherence to the highest standard of commercial ethics. In the control of this vast undertaking Peter M. Davey brings to bear an unlimited capacity for detail, combined with unerring judgment and executive ability of a high order. He is also secretary and treasurer of the newly organized Guaranty Bank and Trust Company. He is a prominent member of the Lions Club of Bridgeport and donated ten acres of valuable land on which that organization erected a fine home for convalescent children in Nichols, Connecticut.

KENNETH A. SCHACK

Kenneth A. Schack, a veteran of the World war, is endowed with the qualities essential to progress in business affairs and fills a responsible position in the office of the Ideal Hat Company of Danbury. He was born in Orange, New Jersey, in 1900, a son of George and Mary Elizabeth (Langdon) Schack, and attended the public schools of Danbury. In preparation for a commercial

career he took a course in Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York. After completing his education Mr. Schack became an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which he left to enter the service of his country, enlisting in the United States Navy in June, 1918, and in October, 1919, was honorably discharged. Since 1919 he has been bookkeeper for the Ideal Hat Company, controlled by his brother, George M. Schack, and William O. G. Popke, and is devoted to their interests. He is painstaking, efficient and dependable, giving to the firm expert service.

In 1924 Mr. Schack was married in Danbury to Miss Clara E. Hancock, and they now have a daughter, Mary Lenore. The future undoubtedly holds much in store for Mr. Schack, who is a young man of enterprise and ability, and his personal popularity is attested by a wide circle of loyal friends.

THOMAS F. WHITE

As general registrar of voters Thomas F. White is intimately associated with political affairs of Bridgeport and throughout the many years of his connection with the work of this office he has followed a course which has won for him the highest commendation. He was born in this city June 15, 1862, and his parents, Peter and Catherine (Casey) White, were natives of Ireland. In 1869 the father was one of the first patrolmen appointed in Bridgeport and his demise occurred in this city in 1878.

The public schools of Bridgeport afforded Thomas F. White his educational privileges and his start in business life was gained in the local plant of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, with which he remained for several years, working in the press department. Early in his career he became interested in politics and was made registrar of voters in the fifth ward, thus serving for nine years. For some time he was a member of the board of relief and in 1898, when the system was changed, he was appointed deputy registrar of voters. He acted in that capacity until the death of Mr. Rooney in 1918, when he was chosen to succeed him as general registrar of voters, and has since been retained in the office, discharging his duties with marked efficiency and rare fidelity.

In 1889 Mr. White married Miss Mary Tate, of Bridgeport, and they have become the parents of four children: Francis T., who is a musician; Rose, a clerk in the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Company; Charles J., who is connected with the Carp Oil Company; and Thomas F., Jr., a pupil in the Harding high school. Mr. White is a stanch democrat and adheres to the Catholic faith. He is a member of St. Joseph's Temperance Benevolent & Literary Association and the Emmet Club. His public spirit has been expressed by word and deed and an exemplary life has won for him a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

DAVID D. WILSON

With efficiency as his watchword, David D. Wilson has steadily progressed, demonstrating his ability to successfully conduct important commercial interests, and is now a prominent laundryman of Danbury. He was born in Orange, New Jersey, in 1885, a son of William K. Wilson, who is a manufacturer of fine hats for women and the head of the Wilson-Sartian Company of Norwalk, Connecticut.

David D. Wilson attended the public schools of Danbury and completed a course in the Stillman Business College. He was thoroughly trained in the hat business and merit won him the position of superintendent with the National Hat Company. Later he was superintendent of the Danbury and New Milford plants of the Bates Company, manufacturers of men's soft and stiff hats, and remained with the corporation for ten years. On severing his connection with the firm he made his first independent venture, organizing the Wilson Hat Company, and for two years was engaged in the manufacture of men's soft hats. At the end of that time he sold the business and in 1922 opened a laundry in Danbury. The business is operated under the name of the Danbury Wet Wash Laundry Company, of which he is president, and its rapid growth is proof of his executive capacity and high standards of service. The company has a large plant, which is situated at No. 21 Delay street and contains the most

improved appliances for facilitating the work, which is first class in every particular.

In 1912 Mr. Wilson was married in Danbury to Miss Louise G. Burr, a daughter of J. Howard Burr, a well known clothier, whose store is at No. 199 Main street, and they have become the parents of one child, Francis B., aged thirteen years. A lover of clean sport, Mr. Wilson particularly enjoys boating and is commodore of the Milford Yacht Club, while he also belongs to the Ridgewood Country Club. He leads a healthful, well balanced life and is a business man of high standing and a good citizen.

ARTHUR TREAT NETTLETON

Early thrown on his own resources, Arthur Treat Nettleton has attained high standing in business circles of Fairfield county, displaying those attributes which make for progress and efficiency. Since November 1, 1898, he has continuously served as treasurer of the Newtown Savings Bank and likewise fills the offices of secretary and vice president of that institution, which has been built up to an enviable position among the savings banks of Connecticut.

Mr. Nettleton was born in Bridgewater, Connecticut, July 29, 1862, a son of Joseph Stone and Gertrude Amanda (Treat) Nettleton, seventh in descent from Samuel Nettleton, settler in Connecticut in 1639. He is also descended on both sides from Richard Treat, one of the charterers of 1662, under King Charles II, and Governor Robert Treat. Also in his ancestral line were Deputy Governor Nathan Gold, another Royal Charterer; Governor Thomas Welles; Rev. Thomas Hooker, first clergyman in Connecticut; Rev. Roger Newton; Rev. Samuel Andrew, third clergyman in Milford and rector of Yale College; and John Stone, son of Rev. Samuel Stone, a Puritan divine of Hertfordshire, England. In direct line Mr. Nettleton is descended from two Revolutionary patriots. His great-great-grandfather, Thaddeus Nettleton, served in Major General Wooster's command, First Regiment. The regiment was raised on the first call for troops by the legislature in April and May, 1775, and marched to the Northern Department. Thaddeus Nettleton took part in the operations

along Lake George and Lake Champlain and assisted in the reduction of St. Johns. His great-great-grandfather, Captain Bethuel Treat, of Milford, (Yale 1759) was a captain in the militia when they were called out at the alarm at Horse Neck, where General Putnam rode down the steps in the town of Greenwich, assisted to drive the British from Danbury, and in 1779 marched with his company to New Haven to repel the enemy.

Arthur Treat Nettleton acquired a public school education in Bridgewater and New Milford, completing his studies in 1880. His father died January 25, 1869, and on December 31, 1873, his mother married George Beers. In 1875 the family moved to a farm in New Milford.

At the age of eighteen Mr. Nettleton began working as a clerk in a dry goods store in New Milford, where he was employed two years. On the 4th of March, 1885, he was married in Hartford to Miss Jennie E. Morris and in that year removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where his wife passed away April 5, 1886. For several years he was with the firm of Smith & Taylor, real estate and loan brokers of St. Paul, but returned to Connecticut in 1895. In 1898 he was examiner for the department of building and loan associations of the state of Connecticut, resigning October 25, 1898, and on that date was elected treasurer of the Newtown Savings Bank, the duties of which position he has ever since discharged with thoroughness and efficiency. He has labored diligently and consistently for the upbuilding of the bank and the promotion of its interests. Untiring and unremitting industry and perseverance have ever characterized his business career, and he manifests a masterful grasp of every situation that claims his attention.

That Mr. Nettleton enjoys the confidence and warm regard of his fellow financiers in the state is shown by the fact that he was chosen the first secretary of The Savings Banks' Association of Connecticut and so continued in office from 1902 until 1916, when he resigned. In the year ending September 24, 1926, he was president of the association. He is a member of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution; the Silliman Chapter of that society in Bridgeport; and the Connecticut Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, of which he was treasurer from May, 1925, to April, 1928. He is a direc-

tor of Bridgeport Hospital and is connected with a number of other organizations. He is a member of the Congregational church of Newtown, a member of the First Ecclesiastical Society and a member of its committee. In politics he is a republican. He served as warden of the borough of Newtown from May 6, 1919, to May 5, 1925. He is secretary, treasurer and chairman of the board of trustees of the Newtown Village Cemetery Association and for many years has taken the leading part in the management of its affairs. He was on the building committee for The Hawley School and is chairman of the building committee for the Edmond Town Hall, both being gifts to the town of Newtown by Miss Mary E. Hawley. The Edmond Town Hall when completed will have cost half a million dollars. In his home town his services are in constant demand in an advisory capacity and in settling of estates.

Mr. Nettleton is a thirty-second degree Mason, his affiliations being with Hiram Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., of Newtown; Wooster Council, No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Danbury; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix; and Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., of Bridgeport. He is also a Noble of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Bridgeport.

During the World war Mr. Nettleton acted as chairman of the local Liberty Loan committee in the various loans, collecting and forwarding to the government seven hundred thousand dollars. Newtown was first in the state to be awarded an honor flag. All this stands in evidence of his loyalty in citizenship and his devotion to the public welfare. His entire record reflects credit and honor upon the community in which he makes his home.

ALVAH DEWITT MEAD

Throughout his business career Alvah DeWitt Mead has been identified with monetary affairs and is well fitted by training and experience for the duties which devolve upon him as cashier of the First-Stamford National Bank. He was born in this city, February 27, 1886, a son of Alvah D. and Mary E. (Scofield)

Mead. The father, a native of Quaker Ridge, New York, devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. In politics he followed an independent course, regarding the qualifications of a candidate as a matter of prime importance, and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Episcopal church. He resided for many years in Stamford and here passed away October 12, 1910. He is survived by Mrs. Mead, whose life has been spent in this city. Her father, Luther S. Scofield, was also a native of Stamford and developed one of the fine farms of this locality, in which he always resided. He was a man of prominence in his community and served on the board of burgesses. His political support was given to the republican party and his life was guided by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Mary (Crissey) Scofield, was born in Darien, Connecticut, and passed away in New Canaan, this state. Her father engaged in teaching and he fought for American independence as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Alvah D. Mead was a pupil in the public schools of Stamford and attended a private school conducted by Professor King, afterward becoming a messenger for the Stamford National Bank. Proving trustworthy and capable, he was advanced through the various departments and was acting as cashier when the institution was consolidated with the First National Bank. At the time of the merger the name was changed to the First-Stamford National Bank, of which Mr. Mead was made assistant cashier, and he is now its cashier. The work of his department is performed with thoroughness and efficiency and his well known probity is a valuable asset to the bank, which is one of the strong financial institutions of Fairfield county.

Mr. Mead was married April 21, 1909, in Darien, Connecticut, to Miss Olive Abbe, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of the Stamford high school. She is a daughter of Charles S. and Emma (Bruce) Abbe, natives respectively of Connecticut and New Hampshire. They still maintain their home in Darien and Mr. Abbe is a stage celebrity and popular comedian. Mr. and Mrs. Mead have a daughter, Vera, who was born June 12, 1910, graduated from the Stamford high school and is now a sophomore in Connecticut College at New London.

Mr. Mead is allied with the democratic party and has always

been a strong supporter of measures conducive to the welfare of his city. He is a member of Stamford's purchasing board and a trustee of the Children's Home of Stamford. He and his wife attend the Congregational church. He is president of the Stamford Rifle Club, an ex-president and one of the governors of the Suburban Club and a member of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club. His Masonic connections are with Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., and Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. He is also identified with the Improved Order of Red Men, Stamford Lodge, No. 899, B. P. O. E., and Puritan Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F. Mr. Mead is an enthusiastic fisherman and also enjoys the sport of hunting. Closely applying himself to the work in hand, he has steadily progressed toward the goal of success and is devoted to the interests intrusted to his charge. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his personal popularity is attested by a wide circle of sincere friends.

JOSEPH T. LEE

A conscientious, efficient worker, Joseph T. Lee has pressed steadily onward toward the goal fixed by his ambition and is well known in business circles of Danbury as a manufacturer of hatting machinery. Born in New Milford, Connecticut, in 1879, he is a son of John H. and Margaret (Conley) Lee, both now deceased.

Joseph T. Lee was educated in the public schools of Brookfield, Connecticut, and obtained his start in life as an apprentice in the factory of the Turner Machine Company, manufacturers of hatting machinery. Later he secured valuable experience in the plant of Frank Lee, a hat manufacturer, with whom he remained for ten years, and in 1920 formed a partnership with Edward L. Foley. They have since been associated under the firm style of Lee & Foley, manufacturers of hatting machinery, and in the intervening period of eight years their business has developed rapidly, owing to their earnest, systematic efforts and judicious management. Their plant at No. 21 Crosby street is equipped with special machinery and operated with notable efficiency.

In 1910 Mr. Lee was married in Danbury to Miss Bertha Schmidt, by whom he has three children: Arline, John and Robert. Mr. Lee is a fine type of the modern business man and a citizen of worth to the community.

ALFRED A. HODSHON

In the hat-making industry in Danbury the name of Hodshon stands preeminent because of the progressive policy which has always characterized the business affairs of this well known family. Alfred A. Hodshon has been a practical hatter for nearly half a century and Hodshon goods have a well merited reputation for superiority in quality and style. Alfred A. Hodshon was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, in 1868 and is a son of Richard and Sarah (Hawthorne) Hodshon, both of whom were natives of England, from which country they came to the United States in 1849. When eight years of age Mr. Hodshon accompanied his parents on their removal to Danbury and in the public schools of this city acquired his education. In 1880 he entered the employ of Rundle & White, and was later for a short time with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company. He then served an apprenticeship at hat making with Beckerle & Company, learning every detail of the business, after which he was employed as an expert stiffener in the factory of Otto Barthol in South Norwalk. In 1898 Mr. Hodshon embarked in business on his own account, organizing the A. A. Hodshon Company, and established a hat factory in the old Adams Brothers plant in Railroad avenue, where he remained until 1906. In this enterprise he was successful and during the ensuing years came to be recognized as one of the leaders in the hat-making industry of this locality. After various reorganizations, the Hodshon Company acquired control of the Hill & Loper Company, of Danbury, and was eventually merged with the latter concern. In 1918 Mr. Hodshon was joined in the business by his son, Alfred E. Hodshon, who had just completed a technical course at the University of Pennsylvania, and through their combined efforts and experiments they developed a method of dyeing hats, through which the colors were made so irresistible to the action of light, that they were given the trade

name of "Sunfast." Shortly afterward, as a matter of obviously good business policy, the name of the company was changed to that of Sunfast Hats, Inc. Mr. Hodshon remained as president and treasurer of this concern until 1928, when the Sunfast company was acquired by the Cavanaugh, Dobbs Company, of Norwalk, since which time the Danbury factory has been conducted under the name of The Hodshon Company, of which Mr. Hodshon is president.

In 1890 Mr. Hodshon was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Field Underdown, of Long Island, New York, and they became the parents of one son, Alfred E., who was born in Danbury, received a thorough education and is regarded as one of the most expert hatters in the country. He enlisted for the World war, passed the examination for the Signal Corps but was not called to active duty. Mrs. Isabel Hodshon died in 1913 and Mr. Hodshon was married in 1916 to Anna Cocker, of Danbury. They are the parents of one son, Charles A.

A. A. Hodshon has always shown a live interest in the welfare of his community and has been active in public affairs. He has served as a member of the city council and as a member of the board of finance. He was a member of the committee of public works which paved Main street and in various ways has shown an enterprising spirit in relation to the welfare and advancement of the city which has gained for him the appreciation of his fellow townsmen. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Danbury Club. He holds a high place in public regard, while among his associates and friends he is greatly esteemed for his many estimable qualities.

LEONARD W. COGSWELL

Leonard W. Cogswell, official stenographer of the superior court of Fairfield county, has devoted the greater part of his life to this branch of public service and has been continuously in office for a period of forty-two years—an eloquent testimonial to his worth. A native of Connecticut, he was born in New Preston, Litchfield county, in July, 1863, and was reared on a farm

situated near Mount Bushnell. He attended the district school and the village academy, afterward going to Hudson, New York, for the purpose of entering Claverack College, in which he was a student for a term. In 1884, when a young man of twenty-one, he left the home farm and took a course in shorthand at New Haven, Connecticut. On July 1, 1886, he was appointed official stenographer of Litchfield county and served there continuously until 1918. Meanwhile he had been selected for the same post in Windham county, which he also represented in that capacity until 1918, when he was transferred to Fairfield county. Mr. Cogswell has attained the highest degree of efficiency in his chosen vocation and few men in public office have been able to equal his record of long and faithful service.

In June, 1897, Mr. Cogswell was admitted to the bar of New Haven county and he has continued a resident of New Haven while discharging his duties in Bridgeport. When he located in New Haven in 1884 the telephone was a new invention and used only in a few offices. The typewriter was still a novelty and regarded with disfavor by the older lawyers. A large part of the office work was accomplished with pen and ink. Mr. Cogswell used to dictate his notes to another shorthand writer, who in turn transcribed them on the typewriter. Still later they were dictated into the dictaphone and from there transcribed by a typist. The whole course of the practice of law has greatly changed, so that those who were practicing in those early days would hardly know how to adapt themselves to modern conditions. Mr. Cogswell was frequently called in to assist Frank G. Fowler, who was the official court reporter for Fairfield county from 1884 on, and at that time the superior court was held in what is now the city hall in Bridgeport, the brown stone building on State street, the present courthouse not having been erected until 1888. All of the officials who were connected with the superior court of this district in 1886 have passed on except Mr. Cogswell, who was well acquainted with the judges and lawyers of that period. He was an intimate friend of Judge Lyman D. Brewster and Judge Edmund Tweedy of Danbury, Sam Fessenden of Stamford, Goodwin Stoddard of Bridgeport, and the great leaders of the bar in New Haven and Hartford who long ago departed this life.

For some years after 1884 there was one session at a time

of the superior court in Fairfield county and one session of the common pleas court. Then there were two sessions of each court and now there are three sessions of the superior court continuously from October to June and three sessions of the common pleas court. Mr. Cogswell began his work with Vol. 53 of the Connecticut Reports and has seen them grow in forty years to Vol. 106.

Mr. Cogswell was married June 24, 1891, to Miss Caroline E. Strong, of New Haven, and they became the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy. Wisely utilizing the talents with which nature endowed him, Mr. Cogswell has played well his part in the world's work and his tireless industry, his devotion to duty and strength of character have won for him a high place in the esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

CLINTON BARNUM SEELEY

For many years Clinton Barnum Seeley has been a commanding figure in the affairs of the Bridgeport Trust Company and a potent element in promoting the city's growth along financial lines. A scion of one of the old and prominent families of Connecticut, he is liberally endowed with the fine mental and moral qualities of his forbears and has added thereto the rich interest of his own individuality. He is a lineal descendant of Ensign Nathan Seeley, whose father, Captain Nathaniel Seeley, was a distinguished colonial hero who lived for a time in New Haven and spent the latter part of his life in Fairfield.

C. Barnum Seeley was born in Bridgeport but received his education in New York city, where the family resided until 1907, but during that period he spent the summer months in the country home at Bridgeport. In 1907 he became a permanent resident of the city and entered the real estate and banking business. He was elected vice president of the Pequonnock National Bank and in 1913 became president of the Bridgeport Trust Company. During his tenure of office Mr. Seeley made this one of the largest and strongest financial institutions in Fairfield county and is doing equally important and effective work as chairman of its board of directors, in which capacity he has served since 1927.

CLINTON BARNUM SEELEY

His identification with civic affairs covers service on the park board and at one time he was chairman of the playground committee. He belongs to the board of trade and along social lines is connected with the Algonquin, Bridgeport Yacht and Brooklawn Country Clubs.

Mr. Seeley was married, December 30, 1896, to Miss Florence Tuttle, daughter of Austin and Anna Perrin Tuttle, of New York, and their only child, Clinton Barnum Seeley, Jr., was born March 19, 1901, and died December 21, 1918.

JOHN MUNSON COMLEY

John Munson Comley, one of Bridgeport's loyal sons, has become well known as a legal practitioner and is prominently connected with the work of the courts as reporter of judicial decisions. He was born July 1, 1895, a son of William H. and Lucy Isabel (Nicholson) Comley, and attended the local schools, completing his high school course in 1913. Three years later he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and in 1920 was graduated from the law department of that institution. In 1920 he was admitted to the bar and located in Bridgeport, becoming a member of the law firm of Pullman & Comley. He practiced until January 1, 1925, and has since been reporter of judicial decisions, a position which has afforded him an excellent opportunity for advancement in his profession. His duty is to edit the Connecticut reports and published opinions of the supreme court and he also edits the Index Digest, which is issued every two years. Diligent, accurate and efficient, he meets every requirement of the office and his work has been highly commended. During the World war he entered the service of his country, becoming a member of the quartermaster's corps in 1918, and was stationed at Camp Meigs near Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged in February, 1919.

Mr. Comley was married February 14, 1925, to Miss Grace Isabelle Aufford, of Stratford, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was born April 24, 1926. Mr. Comley belongs to the University Club, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Phi Beta Kappa and Zeta Psi

college fraternities, and the local, state and national bar associations. Since 1927 he has edited for the State Bar Association the Connecticut Bar Journal, a quarterly magazine, and is deeply interested in legal and literary work. Mr. Comley is a young man of earnest purpose and marked strength of character and has made good use of the talents with which nature endowed him. He has a wide acquaintance and possesses those qualities which make for high and enduring regard.

ELMER H. BEARD

For more than forty years Elmer H. Beard, consulting engineer of Stamford, has followed the profession of civil engineering, in which he is regarded as an expert, and is now rendering efficient service as manager of the Webb Asphalt Paving Corporation, of Stamford. Mr. Beard was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1867, and is a son of Amos H. and Catherine E. (Hipple) Beard. In the paternal line he is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather, Amos Beard, having been born in the land of hills and heather, whence he emigrated to the United States, where he was employed as an iron master. His son, Henry W. Beard, was born at Birdsboro, Berks county, Pennsylvania, of which locality he was a lifelong resident. He was a farmer by occupation and was a veteran of the Mexican war, in which he served under General Winfield Scott. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Congregational church. He married Miss Catherine Warren, who was a native of Pennsylvania and died in Birdsboro. They became the parents of Amos H. Beard, who was born in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, was for many years employed as a master carpenter by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and is now retired and lives in Reading. He is an earnest supporter of the democratic party and was formerly active in local public affairs, having served as a member of both the select and common councils of the city of Reading. He is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served with a Pennsylvania regiment. His wife was born at Mount Airie, Pennsylvania. They both graduated from Ursina College, at Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and both are members of the Lutheran church.

Elmer H. Beard attended the public schools of Reading, graduating from high school, and then entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. He was assigned to the engineering department and while so employed he studied civil engineering under a private tutor. He remained with that company as assistant resident engineer until 1890, after which for three years he was with the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Railroad on construction work. In 1893 Mr. Beard became resident engineer with the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad, with which road he remained two years, and from 1895 to 1897 was again with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as assistant supervisor. In 1897 he became assistant city engineer for the city of Reading, in which capacity he served until 1900, when he became resident engineer on the construction of the water works for the city of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, which work engaged his attention for three years. From 1903 to 1910 he served as city engineer of Reading, and then came to Stamford, Connecticut, as engineer for William H. Arthur, of Glenbrook, Connecticut. He remained with Mr. Arthur for ten years, and then, from 1920 to 1924 ,was engaged in private business as a consulting engineer in Stamford. From 1924 to 1926 he was associated with the Connecticut National Pavements Company, of New Haven, as supervising engineer, after which he accepted his present position as manager of the Webb Asphalt Paving Corporation. His long experience in every phase of his profession has well qualified him for the position which he holds and he has shown himself a capable and efficient official.

On September 26, 1889, in Reading, Pennsylvania, Mr. Beard was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte E. Hartman, who was born April 18, 1870, and is a daughter of Harrison S. and Mary E. (Hartline) Hartman. Her mother has passed away and her father, who was formerly engaged in the contracting business, but is now retired, makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Beard. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Beard are the parents of a daughter, Helen E., now the wife of A. B. Salmonson, of Stamford, who is employed as a mechanical engineer in New York city. In his political views Mr. Beard is a strong republican, while, fraternally, he is a member of Reading Lodge, No. 549, F. & A. M.;

Reading Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Reading, and Gen. George G. Meade Camp, No. 16, Sons of Union Veterans. He and his wife are attending St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church and give their earnest support to all worthy benevolent causes. Mr. Beard possesses a splendid personality, is friendly and unassuming in manner, and throughout the community in which he lives he is held in high regard.

Mr. Beard is a member of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, the American Road Builders Association, The American Concrete Institute and The Lions Club of Stamford.

CHARLES A. HATCH

Important business and financial affairs occupied the attention and profited by the keen powers of discernment and broad experience of Charles A. Hatch, a lifelong resident of Stamford and a man of substantial worth. He stood for all those things which count for most in the city's upbuilding and never lost sight of the high principles which should govern man in the varied relations of life. A native of New York city, he was born at No. 42 Park avenue, June 22, 1876, and was a son of Albert J. and Lizzie R. (Hatch) Hatch. The father was a native of Wells, Maine, and the mother was born in Wisconsin, to which state her forebears went from New York. Albert J. Hatch was a successful stock broker, a member of the well known firm of William B. Beekman & Company of New York city. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, president of the Stamford Water Company and a director of the Stamford Trust Company and other corporations to which his name lent additional prestige. For a number of years he was a trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Stamford and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. His useful, upright life was brought to a close in October, 1924, but his widow still resides in Stamford.

Charles A. Hatch came to Stamford as an infant with his parents and his early education was obtained in Professor King's school, from which he was graduated. Later he enrolled as a student in Princeton University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1899. In the same year he

became connected with William B. Beekman & Company and continued with the firm until 1920, aiding in making this one of the foremost brokerage houses in New York city. He then assumed the duties of vice president and general manager of the Stamford Water Company, acting in those capacities until 1924, when he succeeded his father as president, and filled the office until his death in 1925, when he was forty-nine years of age and at the height of his usefulness. Mr. Hatch was also a director of the Stamford Trust Company and the Citizens Savings Bank. He was an alert, energetic business man whose plans were well formulated and had their basis in keen sagacity, broad vision and a ready discrimination between the essential and the nonessential.

Mr. Hatch was married October 4, 1906, in Stamford to Miss Alice Gillespie, who was born April 29, 1882, in New York city, and received her education in Miss Low's School in Stamford. Her father, Edward A. Gillespie, was born in New York city, April 24, 1859, and passed away at Stamford in October, 1922. He was also a prosperous stock broker and retired from business several years before his death. St. Andrew's Episcopal church of Stamford numbered him among its earnest, helpful members and his political support was given to the republican party. His widow, Mrs. Lily (Squire) Gillespie, was born December 12, 1865, and still resides in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch were the parents of three daughters: Alice Gertrude, who is a graduate of Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts; Emily Allen, who completed a course in the Wykeham Rise School at Washington, Connecticut, and died September 30, 1928; and Marion Gillespie, a student at the Low-Heywood School of Stamford.

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Mr. Hatch was affiliated with St. John's Episcopal church and cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He served in the Connecticut Home Guard and furthered the success of the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives during the World war. For diversion he turned to outdoor sports and was a member of the Oxridge Hunt Club, the Stamford Yacht Club and the Woodway Country Club. He was also identified with the Rotary Club of Stamford, the Princeton Club of New York, and Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M. He was a trustee of the Stamford Children's Home, was for some time connected with The Associated

Charities and was an associate member of the Connecticut Engineering Society. Generous, high-minded, companionable and sympathetic, Mr. Hatch extracted from life the real essence of living and his memory is revered by all who knew him. Mrs. Hatch also adheres to the Episcopalian faith and devotes much time to religious, philanthropic, civic and cultural activities. She is a member of the Women's Republican Clubs of Stamford and New York city, the Stamford Yacht Club, the Woman's Club and the Schubert Club. She is serving on the board of the Day Nursery and was active in Red Cross work during the World war. Her days have been filled with unostentatious acts of charity and kindness and her influence upon the life of the community has been of the highest order.

JAMES A. COYLE

Through the exercise of effort James A. Coyle has developed his latent powers, which have carried him into important relations, and in business circles of Danbury he enjoys an enviable reputation as a laundryman. He was born in this city in 1886, a son of James E. and Maria E. (Shea) Coyle, natives of Ireland, and the father has passed away.

In the acquirement of an education James A. Coyle attended the parochial schools of Danbury and his start in life was obtained in the hat factory of Frank H. Lee, for whom he worked for fifteen years, filling the position of shaver. He was next employed by David D. Wilson in the Danbury Wet Wash Laundry and in 1925 established the Acme Laundry in partnership with John J. Stone, with whom he has since been associated. They have a model plant at No. 32 State street and their motto is "Good work and good service at a fair price." The members of the firm are experienced laundrymen, of progressive methods and well known reliability, and in three years they have built up a substantial business, which is steadily increasing.

In 1912 Mr. Coyle was married in Danbury to Miss Sarah E. O'Brien, by whom he has four children: Mary, John, Sally and Jean. Mr. Coyle adheres to the Roman Catholic faith and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the

Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He loyally supports all movements destined to prove of benefit to Danbury, and that he is a man of high moral worth is shown by the place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow citizens, with whom his life has been spent.

JOHN ADAMS YOUNG

John Adams Young has achieved state-wide prominence as an educator and brings to the discharge of his duties as assistant superintendent of schools of Bridgeport broad experience and ability of a high order. He was born in White Deer, Union county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1876, a son of Reuben and Rebecca (Dieffenderfer) Young, and obtained his early instruction in the public schools of Union county, afterward attending Bucknell Academy. In 1903 he received the degree of Ph. B. from Bucknell University and in 1912 the same institution conferred upon him the A. M. degree. While a student there he was a member of the track team for four years and also participated in other athletic sports. He was principal of the high school at Center Hall, Pennsylvania, during 1903 and 1904; of the high school at Kane from 1904 to 1907; the high school at Sunbury for one year thereafter, and from 1908 until 1912 was in charge of the high school at Lock Haven, doing much to further the educational progress of the Keystone state. In 1912 he was made one of the supervisors of the Connecticut state board of education, on which he served for six years, and from 1918 to 1922 was superintendent of schools at Westport, this state. Mr. Young was then called to his present office in Bridgeport and under his able direction the work of the elementary department has been brought up to a high standard. He has instituted needed changes and improvements and is thorough, efficient and conscientious in the discharge of his important duties.

In 1908 Mr. Young married Miss Marie Tuholski, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of two children: Marjorie, who is attending high school; and John Adams, Jr., who is a grammar school pupil.

Mr. Young is a republican in politics and fraternally is a

Mason, being a past master of Worcester Lodge, No. 10, at Colchester, Connecticut, and a member of the Past Masters Association of New London county. When a student at Bucknell he became a member of Theta Alpha literary society and was also connected with the Shakespeare Club. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the University Club and the Schoolmen's Club of Bridgeport and has served as president of the latter organization. He is also a member of the Schoolmasters Association of Connecticut, the Fairfield County Teachers Association and the State Superintendents Association and has served as president of each body. He is likewise affiliated with the New England Superintendents Association, the State Teachers Association, the International Kindergarten Association, and holds a life membership in the National Education Association, of which he was a director for five years. Mr. Young is a director of the Welfare Society, director of the Mental Hygiene Society, vice president of the Connecticut State Library Association and a member of Olivet Congregational church. His spirit of broad humanitarianism is expressed by effective service on the child labor commission and his standing as an educator is denoted by the high offices which he fills. He is ideally fitted for the work in which he is engaged and, judged from the standpoint of usefulness, his career has been notably successful.

HENRY LOCKWOOD

Henry Lockwood long figured prominently in business circles of Stamford as president of The Lockwood & Palmer Company, with which he had been identified for nearly six decades at the time of his death, for this extensive and important enterprise was originally a little hardware concern with which he became connected in a clerical capacity in 1866. He had attained the venerable age of eighty-two years when he passed away in Stamford on the 6th of December, 1925, having been born March 22, 1843, in North Stamford, Connecticut.

The Encyclopedia of Biography gives the following account of his ancestral record: "The Lockwood family is of ancient English origin, the name being mentioned in Domesday Book,

which dates it back over eight hundred years. A place of the name in Staffordshire, England, is celebrated for the medical quality of the water of its springs. There was also a town of Lockwood in Yorkshire, England. In the reign of Edward III one John Lockwood was attached to the royal party, fought at Naseby, and was there wounded, 1327, 1377. In 1392 the name of John Lockwood is mentioned. In 1470 the Lockwood estates passed to the Henshaws by marriage. The name is often spelled Lokewood and Lockewood, and is a compound word formed thus: Locke or Lock referring to a dweller in or by an enclosure or confine, and wod, wode, which is old English wudu, meaning wood. Hence a remote ancestor of the family dwelt in a clearing or by the side of a large wood and which gave him his name. The American branch of the race was founded about three centuries ago by Robert and Edmund Lockwood, who came with Winthrop's company to Massachusetts. Their descendants were largely represented in the Colonial and Revolutionary wars, and at all periods in our history have proved themselves worthy and patriotic citizens. The family is entitled to display the following escutcheon which was granted in 1530 to the Rev. Richard Lockwood, rector of Dingley, Northamptonshire, England:

Arms—Argent, a fesse between three martlets sable.

Crest—On the stump of an oak tree erased proper a martlet sable.

Motto—Tutus in undis. (Secure against the waves).

"(I) Robert Lockwood, founder of the Stamford and Greenwich branch of the family, settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1630, and in 1637 was made a freeman. In 1646 he removed to Fairfield, Connecticut, where he was made a freeman in 1652, and became a man of prominence in the community. He married Susannah ————, and his death occurred in Fairfield, in 1658. His widow married (second) Jeffrey Ferris, and survived until 1680.

"(II) Lieutenant Gershom Lockwood, son of Robert and Susannah Lockwood, was born September 6, 1643, in Watertown, and died March 12, 1718-19, in Greenwich, Connecticut. He was but a boy of nine when his father removed to Greenwich, and fifteen years on the death of the latter. He was the principal builder and carpenter of Greenwich, a man of useful deeds,

of importance to the community. He was one of the twenty-seven proprietors of Greenwich. He married Lady Ann Millington, daughter of Lord Millington, of England. In 1660 she received from her home in England a large carved oaken chest said to contain one-half bushel of guineas and many fine silk dresses. This chest was in the home of Samuel Ferris in Greenwich in 1888.

"(III) Gershom (2) Lockwood, son of Lieutenant Gershom (1) and Ann (Millington) Lockwood, born in Greenwich, was admitted a freeman, February 7, 1693-94, and with his brother William built a bridge across Myanos river. His wife's Christian name was Mary, and they were the parents of Gershom, of whom further.

"(IV) Gershom (3) Lockwood, son of Gershom (2) and Mary Lockwood, was born in Greenwich, in 1708. He married Mary Ferris, born the same year, died February 9, 1796.

"(V) Gershom (4) Lockwood, son of Gershom (3) and Mary (Ferris) Lockwood, was born about 1728, and died in 1798, of dropsy, at Stanwich, Connecticut. He married Eunice Close, of Horse Neck Parish, Greenwich, born about 1728, died 1808, and was buried in Greenwich.

"(VI) Joseph Lockwood, son of Gershom (4) and Eunice (Close) Lockwood, was born November 13, 1769, and in early life lived on a small farm. Later he went to New York city, and there engaged in business as a merchant tailor for some years. He then located in North Stamford, Connecticut, and lived a retired life until his death. He married Sarah Alauson, of Stanwich, Connecticut, and was the father of Gideon Reed, of whom further.

"(VII) Gideon Reed Lockwood, son of Joseph and Sarah (Alauson) Lockwood, was born in North Stamford, Connecticut, February 27, 1793, died April 11, 1879. He married February 25, 1818, in Poundridge, New York, Mary Ayres, who was born there February 14, 1798, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Lounsbury) Ayres, who died about 1871."

Thus through seven generations the ancestral line has been brought down to Henry Lockwood, son of Gideon Reed and Mary (Ayres) Lockwood. His youthful experiences were those of the farm-bred boy and after pursuing his preliminary studies in the

district schools of North Stamford he was graduated with honor from Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 20th of June, 1865. In February of the following year he began clerking in the hardware store of S. W. Scofield in Stamford and gained thorough knowledge of the business during the fifteen years which he spent as an employe in that establishment. On the 1st of February, 1881, he acquired the store by purchase. The store in which he had been employed occupied the site of the old Webb Tavern, which was afterward called the old Washington House because of the tradition that George Washington had spent a night there. This in 1870 was replaced by the Washington building, which was noted as having the first plate glass windows in Stamford. Later Mr. Lockwood removed the business diagonally across the street to the present location and in 1900 he admitted Frank W. Palmer, who for some time had been associated with him as a clerk, to a partnership and the firm style of Lockwood & Palmer was assumed. It was in the following year that they began the erection of the present Lockwood and Palmer building at the corner of Park place and Summer street, a removal being made thereto in 1902. The trade of the house steadily increased and on the 2d of February, 1914, the business was incorporated under the name of The Lockwood & Palmer Company, the firm continuing to handle shelf and heavy hardware, implements and similar lines. Each passing year showed an increase in the business commensurate with the development of Stamford and as time has passed other lines have been added to those originally carried. From the time of the incorporation until his death Mr. Lockwood was president of the company and his excellent executive ability and sound judgment constituted valuable factors in its continued growth and success. He was also one of the incorporators of the Stamford Savings Bank and enjoyed high standing in business and financial circles of his native county.

On the 24th of April, 1872, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage to Helen Maria Davenport, who was born in Stamford, April 19, 1851, and passed away at her home at 312 Summer street, Stamford, March 16, 1924. She was a daughter of George and Charlotte (Warner) Davenport and a member of an old and honorable family. She was a direct descendant of John Daven-

port, who came to America in 1639 and who was one of the founders of New Haven, Connecticut, while another of her ancestors was the Rev. John Davenport, the third minister of the Congregational church in Stamford. It was in November, 1692, that the people of Stamford expressed a desire that the Rev. John Davenport should become pastor of the church here, which he did in the following year, and he "was to receive sixty pounds per annum, or seventy pounds and firewood if he be settled in a family." This he did the following year by marrying a widow, by whom he became the father of seven children. After her death in 1712 he again married a widow and they had two children. Rev. Davenport remained pastor of the church for thirty-six years. His son, Colonel Abraham Davenport, was the outstanding figure in Stamford at the time of the Revolutionary war. He was selectman for a term longer than any other holder of the office in Stamford, was state senator for eighteen years, judge of probate for several years and also judge of the county court, while for forty years he was a deacon of the Congregational church. He served on the Committee of Safety in Revolutionary times and as a counselor was held in the highest regard by the Colonial and Continental officers.

A beautiful memorial window, known as the Davenport window, has been placed in the First Congregational church of Stamford by Judge Charles D. Lockwood and other members of the Davenport family in memory of Rev. John Davenport and in memory of the Davenport family. A beautiful stone building at North Stamford, known as the Community House, was erected by Judge Lockwood in memory of his father and mother, Henry Lockwood and Helen M. (Davenport) Lockwood.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Helen M. Lockwood lived in the house at Davenport Ridge which during the last twenty-six years of her life was her summer home. She was for many years a constant attendant at the services of the First Presbyterian church of Stamford, in which both she and her husband held membership. Mr. Lockwood gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and withheld his support from no movement or measure calculated to promote the general welfare. His life was an upright and honorable one in every relation and his demise was deeply mourned by his many friends as well as by

the members of his immediate family. In a paper called The Agassiz Association an account of Mr. Lockwood, following his death, closed with the words: "He was generally recognized as the high type of 'old time gentleman,' a sincere Christian who put his high ideals in religion into his every action. He was dignified yet cordial, efficient in business and of winning kindness of heart and delightful personality. In his death we have lost one of our best friends, and Stamford has lost one of its most honored citizens."

JAMES EDWARD MURPHY

James Edward Murphy, who was in the service of his country during the World war, is now devoting his attention to the practice of law and his energy and ability are bringing him rapidly to the front in professional circles of Bridgeport. He was born in this city, August 13, 1896, and is a son of Timothy J. and Catherine M. (Crowley) Murphy, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Reared in his native city, James E. Murphy was a pupil in the Prospect street grammar school and was graduated from high school in 1915. During the following year he was a reporter, working for the Bridgeport Standard and the Bridgeport Farmer, and in 1916 matriculated in the University of Notre Dame, which he left in the spring of 1917 to enter the first officers training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. He was commissioned a first lieutenant of cavalry August 15, 1917, and detailed for duty with the One Hundred and Thirteenth Supply Train of the Thirty-eighth Division. Mr. Murphy was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and promoted to the rank of captain May 15, 1918. He sailed for France, October 6, 1918, on the same day that his brother, Captain Jeremiah E. Murphy, made the supreme sacrifice for his country, losing his life during the memorable conflict in the forest of Argonne. Captain James E. Murphy was sent to a training camp in France and remained abroad until the summer of 1919, arriving in this country June 30. After his honorable discharge he returned to Bridgeport and in the fall of 1919 resumed his studies in Notre Dame University,

from which he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of LL. B. In June, 1923, he was admitted to the bar and has since engaged in general practice in Bridgeport. He has charge of important legal interests and wins a large percentage of his cases owing to his thorough preparation and clear understanding of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence.

Captain Murphy was married May 31, 1927, to Miss Marion J. Hayes, of Bridgeport, and they reside at No. 315 West Morgan avenue. They adhere to the Roman Catholic faith and Captain Murphy is grand knight of Park City Council of the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the local lodge of Elks. He holds the rank of captain in the Reserve Officers Corps of the United States army and at one time was service commander of Raymond W. Harris Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which he now represents in the capacity of state judge advocate. He is also a member of the American Legion, the Civitan Club, and the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. Through close study he is constantly broadening his legal knowledge and holds to a high standard in the field of professional service. His interest in the welfare and progress of his city is deep and sincere and his personal qualities are such as make for esteem and friendship.

HENRY P. LYONS

On the roster of public officials in Bridgeport appears the name of Henry P. Lyons, who is serving as assistant clerk of the superior court of Fairfield county and has also become well known as an attorney. He was born August 4, 1880, in this city and his father, Patrick D. Lyons, was a native of Ireland. In early life he sought the opportunities of the United States and was engaged in merchandising in Bridgeport from 1873 until his death in 1913. His public spirit prompted his activity in civic affairs and for several terms he served as alderman. The mother, Mrs. Mary A. (Chope) Lyons, was a member of one of the pioneer families of Bridgeport and always resided in the city, passing away in 1904.

Following the completion of his high school course in 1899, Henry P. Lyons matriculated in Niagara University, from which

he received a certificate signed by the board of regents in September, 1900, and three years later was graduated from the law department of Yale University. In 1903 he was admitted to the bar and began his professional career in Bridgeport, where he practiced until 1909. From 1910 until 1913 he was clerk of the probate court, serving under Judge Edward F. Hallen, and then resumed his practice, which he continued until 1923. In January of that year he was appointed assistant clerk of the superior court of Fairfield county, which office he has since filled with marked ability, and during 1924-25 had charge of the naturalization bureau.

Mr. Lyons was married October 22, 1908, to Miss Mary F. Gay, of Bridgeport, and they have become the parents of three children: Marion M., Catharine C. and Henry J. Mr. Lyons adheres to the Catholic faith and his fraternal connections are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is deeply interested in legal matters, on which he is thoroughly informed, and has been faithful to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature. His aid and influence are always on the side of movements for Bridgeport's advancement and his genuine worth is fully appreciated by his fellow citizens, who entertain for him high regard.

GUSTAV BOESCH

Throughout his business career Gustav Boesch has been connected with mechanical pursuits, owing his advancement to hard work and proven ability, and one of the large productive industries of Danbury is the visible result of his powers of organization and administration. He was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1860, a son of Franz and Louise (Schafer) Boesch, and received a public school education. When a young man of nineteen he left his native land and worked for a time as a toolmaker in Paris, France, going from there to Liege, Belgium, where he was employed as a mechanic for two and a half years. In 1888, when twenty-eight years of age, he sought the opportunities of the United States, obtaining work in Boston, Massachusetts, and next followed his trade in Stamford, Connecticut. He became widely recognized

as a master mechanic and was sent by the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to take charge of their machinery in that city. In 1901 he made his first independent venture, locating in Danbury, and engaged in the tool business for outside parties. Gradually he expanded the scope of his activities and is now making machinery for fur cutters and hatters, operating under the style of the Boesch Manufacturing Company, of which he is president. He has a modern factory at No. 45 River street and closely supervises every detail connected with its management, never allowing an imperfect piece of work to leave his plant. Endowed with the mental alertness, the broad vision and keen sagacity of the true executive, he has created an industry of large proportions and is also the owner of the business of the Metal Ball & Bearing Company of Danbury, which he purchased in 1928.

In 1893 Mr. Boesch was married in New York city to Miss Annie Michael and they have become the parents of a son, Arthur, who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Boesch is a Mason and a worthy exemplar of the order. Directing his activities into constructive channels, he has won success, gaining at the same time the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen, for worthy motives and high principles have constituted his guide throughout life.

WILLIAM REUBEN WEBSTER

Since entering the business world William R. Webster has been identified with industrial affairs, steadily advancing as he has demonstrated his ability and worth, and is one of the executive officers who are responsible for the success and prestige of the Bridgeport Brass Company. A native of Oyster Bay, Long Island, he was born April 30, 1868, son of William R. and Helen (Stephenson) Webster. The father was a sagacious, farsighted business man and a well known capitalist.

William R. Webster, Jr., supplemented his public school education by attendance at the Betts Academy in Stamford and the Norwich Free Academy, completing his studies in Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of

WILLIAM R. WEBSTER

Mechanical Engineer. His initial experience along business lines was gained in the New York offices of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, with which firm he spent two years, and was next in the employ of the Aluminum Brass & Bronze Company of Bridgeport. He remained with that firm for a year and in 1893 became superintendent of the Bridgeport Copper Company. In 1897 he was made foreman of the rolling mill of the Bridgeport Brass Company. His ability and trustworthiness were rewarded by rapid promotion and for some time he had supervision of the raw material department. Next he was general superintendent of the plant and later was elected second vice president. In 1914 he became vice president of the corporation and is now the second executive officer of a firm that has a force of more than three thousand workmen. The plant covers several blocks and is provided with every appliance for facilitating the work. The company not only manufactures seamless tubing, sheet brass, rods and wires, but also all kinds of metal specialties, and its output is shipped to every part of the world. Mr. Webster has progressed with the business, with which he has been identified for more than thirty years, working earnestly and effectively to advance the interests of the corporation, and is also a director of the Bridgeport Trust Company and a trustee of the Bridgeport-People's Savings Bank.

In 1892 Mr. Webster was married to Miss Susan W. Hinckley, of Norwich, Connecticut, and they have two children, Eleanor, who was born September 16, 1901, and William R. (III), born January 24, 1905. The parents are affiliated with St. John's Episcopal church and Mr. Webster gives his political support to the republican party. Along social lines he is connected with the University Club, of which he is an ex-president, the Brooklawn Country Club, the Contemporary Club and the Engineers Club of New York. He has served as vice president and as president of the American Institute of Metals, is an associate member of the American Society of Naval Engineers, and also belongs to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the Institute of Metals of Great Britain. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Mr.

Webster has long been regarded as an authority upon questions relative to the use and properties of metals and his contribution to scientific literature comprises valuable papers covering this subject. Although a man of large affairs which make heavy demands upon his time and energy, he has never been remiss in discharging the duties and obligations of citizenship and was for eleven years a member of the Bridgeport school board. His business associates have learned to rely upon his judgment and integrity and his life record commands uniform respect and confidence.

HON. SCHUYLER MERRITT

Hon. Schuyler Merritt, representative of the fourth Connecticut district in congress for several terms, has been an active factor in Stamford's industrial circles for more than a half century through his identification with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, which he now serves as chairman of the board. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the First-Stamford National Bank and has long enjoyed enviable and widespread recognition as one of the outstanding and most influential citizens of Connecticut.

Schuyler Merritt was born in New York city, December 16, 1853, his parents being Matthew Franklin and Maria (Shaw) Merritt. His family had its origin in Somersetshire, England. As "King Arthur's country" it is the home of earliest romance—romance which inspired Tennyson to write the "Idylls of the King." It is in this county that we find the first known ancestor of the Merritts, Eadnoth, an Anglo thane, whose son, Harding de Meriet, was the earliest to bear the family name. Members of this race, which was seated in Somersetshire prior to the Norman Conquest, are now numerous in almost every county of England. The name, variously spelled, and one of the most familiar and honorable, appears in a slightly altered form as Merriott, the designation of a parish in Somersetshire derived from that of one of the ancestral seats of the family.

Branches of the race were early transplanted to New England and to other portions of the American colonies, and for well-nigh three centuries the Merritts have done their part in the develop-

ment and upbuilding of our country. They are numbered among the armigerous families of America.

(I) Thomas Merritt, the earliest American ancestor of record, was born in May, 1634, and in 1662 purchased from Thomas Standish a home lot in Wethersfield, Connecticut. In 1673 he settled in Rye, New York, and in 1683 his name appears on the list of Rye's proprietors. On July 12, 1684, he was made constable. He purchased real estate, including a parcel of land called Pine Island, adjoining Merritt's meadows. On April 12, 1694, he was commissioner to renew the Indian purchase at White Plains, and on February 28, 1694, he was appointed vestryman of Rye, and served in 1695 and 1697. On July 22, 1697, he served on a committee to select a minister, and on September 25, 1697, was on a committee to build a meeting-house. From 1667 to 1698 he was a collector of the minister's salary. He was one of those to whom was granted, January 22, 1696, the patent of Rye. On January 19, 1697, Thomas Merritt and Deliverance Brown appeared before the general court of Connecticut to obtain a charter for Rye. In 1698 Thomas Merritt was called senior. In October, 1699, he was deputy to the general court, and from 1697 to 1699 served as townsman or trustee. On December 11, 1699, he became a proprietor of Peningo Neck, and in 1705 he was supervisor. On November 1, 1707, he served on a committee to settle the line between Greenwich and Rye. On June 2, 1713-14-15-16, he was a member of the grand jury. He lived nearly opposite the site of the present Park Institute. Thomas Merritt married (first), December 3, 1656, Jane Sherwood, born in 1636, daughter of Thomas and Alice (Seabrook) Sherwood, and they became the parents of sons and daughters. The mother of the family died January 4, 1685. Thomas Merritt married (second), August 13, 1688, Abigail Francis, born February 14, 1660, daughter of Robert and Joan Francis, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. A son and a daughter were the offspring of this marriage. Thomas Merritt married (third), in 1696, Mary (Ferris) Lockwood, daughter of Jeffrey Ferris, and widow of Jonathan Lockwood. This first American ancestor of the Merritts lived to an advanced age, passing away on November 10, 1725.

(II) Joseph Merritt, son of Thomas and Jane (Sherwood) Merritt, was born June 6, 1662, and in 1683 was a proprietor of

Rye. He had assigned to him two acres on Hog-Pen Ridge, in 1707, which he fenced in, and in 1708 he was a proprietor of Wills Purchase. In 1717-18-22, he served on the grand jury. On February 27, 1722, he was an ensign in the Westchester County Military Company, and on May 11, 1727, he signed a petition of Presbyterians. Joseph Merritt married Jane (last name unknown). The death of Joseph Merritt occurred May 12, 1754. His will, which was made March 27, 1752, and proved June 6, 1754, is signed with his mark.

(III) Nehemiah Merritt, son of Joseph and Jane Merritt, was born May 7, 1715, and in December, 1758, at the Oblong Meeting at Quaker Hill, Dutchess county, New York, showed a certificate of removal from the Mamaroneck Meeting. In 1760 he was on a committee to review the sufferings of the Friends at Oblong. On July 25, 1761, he and nine others signed a petition in behalf of themselves and fifteen others for twenty-five thousand acres on the east side of the Hudson river between Fort Edward and Lake George. On July 10, 1762, a meeting of the proprietors of Queensbury was held at the shop of Nehemiah and Daniel Merritt in Beekman Precinct, Dutchess county, New York, and on November 8, 1762, at a second meeting held at the same place, partition deeds were given to the thirty proprietors, including Nehemiah and his sons, Daniel and Ichabod. Nehemiah Merritt had not been included in the Queensbury patent. On February 23, 1763, he was one of the trustees to rent all undivided lands, and for a number of years was very active in real estate transactions. Nehemiah Merritt married (first), Dinah Hopkins, daughter of Ichabod and Sarah (Coles) Hopkins; married (second), before 1761, Mary Dingy, daughter of Robert Dingy. Nehemiah Merritt died in 1794, and was buried in Quaker Hill cemetery.

(IV) Daniel Merritt, son of Nehemiah and Dinah (Hopkins) Merritt, was born July 23, 1738, and in 1763 became one of the proprietors of Queensbury, owning twenty-five acres there. He married (first), December 23, 1761, Hannah Wing, daughter of Abraham and Anstis (Wood) Wing. He married (second), October 1, 1765, Sarah Mudge, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Hopkins) Mudge. Daniel Merritt died May 25, 1805, and was buried in Quaker Hill cemetery.

(V) Nehemiah M. Merritt, son of Daniel and Sarah (Mudge) Merritt, was born April 26, 1772, in Quaker Hill, and in 1810 was a dry goods merchant on Pearl street, New York. He lived at one time in Flushing, Long Island, and was a man of prominence in the community, being an acknowledged minister of the Society of Friends. Mr. Merritt married (first), February 28, 1793, Phoebe Thorne, born April 13, 1773, daughter of William and Jemima (Titus) Thorne, who died January 30, 1823. He married (second), May 11, 1827, Sarah Sutton, daughter of Moses and Rebecca (Underhill) Sutton. Mr. Merritt inherited the longevity characteristic of his ancestors, passing away on March 10, 1863, having nearly completed his ninety-first year.

(VI) Matthew Franklin Merritt, son of Nehemiah M. and Phoebe (Thorne) Merritt, was born March 2, 1815, in Flushing, New York, and received his education in public schools of Dutchess county. When about sixteen years of age he went to New York city and began his active employment there. He was associated, practically all his life, with the iron and steel business, and was as late as 1859 associated with his brother-in-law, George W. Quintard, in the great Morgan Iron Works of New York city. While still a young man, Mr. Merritt manifested an unusual enthusiasm and interest in political affairs, not as a seeker for office, but rather as an expression of that earnest and intelligent patriotism which distinguished him through life. He was an enthusiastic "old-line Whig" in ante-war days, but was disposed to conservative views during the period immediately preceding the Civil war when many earnest patriots, north and south, were still hoping that some happy compromise might still be potent to scatter the clouds of civil strife which were gathering on the horizon. From such motives as these he was for a time attracted to the support of the presidential ticket of Bell and Everett, but as the issue became clearer and it was evident to all that the vital question was union or disunion, no private citizen more heartily supported the hands of the government, or gave proportionately more liberal and persistent aid to all measures taken for its defense.

In his business connection with the great iron and marine engine works Mr. Merritt was in a position to perform services of uncommon value, and his long and intimate personal acquaint-

ance with the Hon. Gideon Welles, secretary of the navy, aided in bringing him into prominence in connection with naval construction. Largely through this channel he made the personal acquaintance of President Lincoln himself and likewise of many of the leading generals, especially of the higher officers of the navy, such as Farragut, Foote, Dupont, Worden and others. He chanced to have seen all that could be seen from Fortress Monroe of the memorable battle between the Merrimac and the Monitor, and was the first civilian to board the Monitor after the battle when she docked at Fortress Monroe. A few days after he met at dinner the gallant Worden and formed an acquaintance which was severed only by death. One of the later monitors, the Cohoes, was built chiefly under Mr. Merritt's personal supervision. In order to undertake this work he organized the American Iron Works which continued to build ships and marine engines, Mr. Merritt remaining in the shipbuilding business alone until 1869, when he retired.

As already mentioned, he never aspired to political office, but in 1859 was elected state senator from his district. He was often called upon to preside at public meetings, a position for which his tact, intelligence and habitual courtesy particularly qualified him. These qualities were characteristic of him even in the heat of political contests, and as a result he provoked no malice and made no enemies even among his bitter opponents.

About 1855 Mr. Merritt became a resident of Stamford, and during the war his main activity as a citizen was in promoting the political ascendancy of the party upon which in his view the strength and success of the union cause depended. He was influential in organizing the First National Bank, and took an active part in the organization of Woodlawn cemetery, serving for many years as its vice president. When the republican party was organized in Connecticut, Mr. Merritt became one of its original members. He affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. While he always maintained his birthright membership in the Society of Friends, he was, toward the end of his life, baptized in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church of Stamford.

Mr. Merritt married, in 1840, in New York city, Maria Shaw, daughter of William and Clarissa (Hoyt) Shaw, and their children were: Amelia, born September 16, 1841, who married Wil-

liam F. Skelding and died April 12, 1915; Julia, who was born September 12, 1842, and died December 15, 1908; Adeline, who was born May 27, 1848, and died March 27, 1869; and Schuyler, of this review. The mother, born in Stamford in 1821, here died in 1902.

The death of Mr. Merritt, which occurred May 10, 1896, removed from the roster of Stamford citizenship a name which had long distinguished it and which had been prominently identified with the social and political life of the town for nearly half a century. It removed from the midst of a circle of near friends and relatives one who was looked up to and loved by all, from the youngest to the eldest. Even to much wider circles of the community his departure brought a sense of personal loss, more especially to the older citizens who were contemporaries of Mr. Merritt in the more active and conspicuous years of his life, and who knew, from personal recollection, what a large and honored place he filled here during one of the most memorable periods of our national history.

Schuyler Merritt began his education in the public schools of Stamford, Connecticut, continued his studies in private schools and in 1869 matriculated in Yale University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1873. For a year thereafter he did postgraduate work in English literature and history and then entered Columbia Law School, which in 1876 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The same year he was admitted to the bar in New York city, and after spending a year in a law office there entered the service of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford as an office assistant. This was in 1877, and in 1878 he was elected secretary of the company and became a member of its board of directors. For several years he was general manager of the commercial end of the business, and from 1898 to 1902 filled the office of treasurer. For some years he was senior vice president of the company, with which he is still connected as chairman of the board. With his thorough legal equipment he has always had charge of those affairs of the organization which called for the services of a member of the bar, and has also protected its patent interests, giving special attention during recent years to the bank lock department. In 1905 Mr. Merritt was elected president of

the Stamford National Bank, and when that bank and the First National Bank were consolidated in July, 1919, under the name of the First-Stamford National Bank, he was chosen president of the new organization. At this time he is chairman of the board of directors of the First-Stamford National Bank and vice president of the Stamford Gas & Electric Company. He is also president of the Family Welfare Society and of the Stamford Children's Home.

To the support of the principles of the republican party Mr. Merritt has always given his political allegiance, and for very many years he has been active in public affairs, advancing step by step to that position of leadership which he has so long held. In 1884 he became a member of the school committee of Stamford, and for fifteen or sixteen years continued to serve, most of the time as chairman of the board. He took a very active part in developing the high school to its present complete and well equipped condition and in elevating it to its very high standing of today. For his part in helping to raise the standard of the graded schools the community is much indebted to him. In 1910 he was appointed as a member of the state board of education and served until he was elected to congress in 1917. He was a member of the constitutional convention which met in Hartford in 1904, and he also served for a number of years on the board of appropriation and apportionment of Stamford. At a special election held in 1917 he was chosen to represent the fourth congressional district in the United States house of representatives, was reelected in 1918 and 1920 and has been chosen for each successive term to the present time. He has served as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and has been sent as a delegate to several presidential conventions. A contemporary biographer said of him: "As a man of keen perception, sound judgment, wise counsel and unquestioned integrity, Mr. Merritt has made a notably successful record in the business world. The justice and fairmindedness which have always characterized his relations with his employes have constituted no small factor in the prosperity of his commercial enterprises. He has taken an active interest in the Associated Charities. The patriotism characteristic of his race has marked Mr. Merritt's entire career and was called forth in all its strength by the World

war. He was identified with a number of its activities, the most conspicuous of his services being his chairmanship of Stamford's Liberty Loan committee. The versatility of his talents has enabled Mr. Merritt to achieve success in the law, in commerce and in the arena of politics."

The religious faith of Mr. Merritt is indicated by his membership in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is senior warden. He is a member of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the University and Yale clubs of New York, the Suburban, Stamford Yacht and Woodway Country Clubs of Stamford and the Chevy Chase Club of Washington. Golf is his favorite form of diversion.

On the 21st of October, 1879, Mr. Merritt was united in marriage to Frances Hoyt, of Stamford, daughter of Joseph B. and Katharine (Krom) Hoyt, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Merritt was graduated from Vassar College of Poughkeepsie, New York, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1870. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal church and also belongs to the Woman's Club and the Schubert Club. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt have two daughters: Louise Hoyt, who was born in August, 1880; and Katharine Krom, born in January, 1886. Both are graduates of Vassar College, Katharine having also graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School with the degree of M. D. She is now a practicing physician in New York.

JOHN J. STONE

Throughout his commercial career John J. Stone has been a diligent, conscientious worker and his is a record of continuous progress that has brought him to the front in business circles of Danbury, which numbers him among its successful laundrymen. A native of this city, he was born in 1887 and is a son of John J. and Mary (McGinnis) Stone. He received a parochial school education and earned his first money by working for Frank H. Lee, of Danbury, who is today the largest manufacturer of hats in the world. Mr. Stone soon mastered the trade and afterward was employed as a hat maker by George McLachlan, in whose service he remained for a number of years. In 1924 he accepted

a position in the Danbury office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which he left a year later, joining James A. Coyle in the laundry business. Their first location was at No. 32 Chestnut street, where they remained for about two years, when larger quarters were required, and they purchased the property on State street. Here they erected a substantial red brick building and now have one of the best plants in the city. It is known as the Acme Laundry, which is operated with marked efficiency and reflects the enterprising spirit and high standards of its proprietors, who have already secured a large share of the local patronage.

In 1912 Mr. Stone was married in Danbury to Miss Elizabeth Collins, and they have the following children: John J., Jr., a high school student; and Margaret, William, George and Philip, who are attending grammar school. Mr. Stone is a communicant of the Catholic church and his fraternal connections are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He champions every movement for Danbury's growth and betterment and possesses many commendable traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

HON. CHARLES DAVENPORT LOCKWOOD

Judge Charles Davenport Lockwood, regarded as one of Connecticut's outstanding attorneys, has for the past two decades been a member of the Stamford law firm of Cummings & Lockwood. His position in business and financial circles of Stamford, his native city, is indicated in the fact that he occupies the presidency of the Citizens Savings Bank and is chairman of the board of The Lockwood & Palmer Company, Inc., while in public life he has rendered appreciated service to his fellowmen as a member of the legislature in 1913 and as judge of probate for the district of Stamford during three successive terms.

Charles D. Lockwood was born November 11, 1877, his parents being Henry and Helen Maria (Davenport) Lockwood, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work. The ancestral history of the family is given in connection with the biog-

raphy of Henry Lockwood. Charles D. Lockwood began his education in Stamford's public schools and following preparation at the Stamford high school took the select course in the Sheffield Scientific School from which he was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. in 1900. Three years later, in 1903, he was graduated from Yale Law School with the degree of LL. B. While at Yale he was captain of the university basketball team and represented the college in inter-collegiate debates against Harvard and Princeton. He was a member of Sigma Xi, became secretary of the Sheffield Debating Club, of which he was president in his senior year, and also had the honor of being class day historian. He has served on the triennial, sexennial, decennial and the quindecennial reunion committees. He was admitted to the bar in the state of Connecticut in 1903 and in New York in 1904, and was assistant district attorney of New York county under William Travers Jerome from 1903 to 1906 in New York city. In November, 1906, he was elected judge of the probate court in Stamford, in 1908 was reelected to the same office, and in 1910 was endorsed by both parties. On the expiration of his term in 1912 he refused to be a candidate for reelection. On September 1, 1909, Judge Lockwood and Hon. Homer S. Cummings organized the firm of Cummings & Lockwood, which has continued in existence to the present time, engaged in general practice, and is one of the most prominent law firms in Connecticut. Splendidly appointed offices are maintained in the First-Stamford National Bank building. Judge Lockwood has argued cases before the United States supreme court and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as an attorney of marked ability and broad legal learning. Many outside interests have demanded his attention, and he has been called to serve on a great many directorates of leading business and financial institutions, while numerous civic and philanthropic enterprises have also elicited his interest. Thus he is now president and a director of the Citizens Savings Bank of Stamford, is chairman of the board of The Lockwood & Palmer Company, Incorporated, of Stamford, a director of the First-Stamford National Bank and the Stamford Morris Plan Bank, president of the Shippan Point Land Company, trustee of the Stamford Children's Home, vice-president and director of the Stamford Water Company, and president of the Stamford Boys Club.

On the 13th of October, 1906, Judge Lockwood was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Bell, daughter of Harry and Olive E. (Barber) Bell, of Stamford. Harry Bell, who was born in Stamford, Connecticut, March 18, 1851, passed away here on the 11th of March, 1921. He had been active in the field of finance as president of the First National Bank of Stamford and was successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He gave his political support to the republican party and was an active worker in its local ranks. His wife, born in Brooklyn, New York, June 7, 1852, survives him and makes her home in Stamford, Connecticut. Judge and Mrs. Lockwood are the parents of two sons and a daughter. Charles Davenport Lockwood, Jr., the eldest of the family, was born December 22, 1907, and is associated with The Lockwood & Palmer Company of Stamford, which was founded by his grandfather, the late Henry Lockwood. Charles D. Lockwood, Jr., married Miss Elizabeth R. Lewis of Stamford on June 27, 1928. The other two children of Judge Lockwood are: Walter Bell, born February 14, 1911; and Barbara Elizabeth, whose natal day was July 3, 1918.

Politically Judge Lockwood is an active democrat. In 1913 he was representative from Stamford in the lower house of the general assembly and five years later, in 1918, was a candidate for lieutenant governor. He was an able and efficient legislator and served on the committee on incorporations. He was one of the four delegates-at-large sent from Connecticut to the democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1916, and to the convention in San Francisco in 1920. Moreover, he served as chairman of the local exemption board of the city of Stamford and as a member of the state protection committee under the State Council of Defense. He was one of the Four-Minute speakers during the World war and for several years was judge advocate of the Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven.

Judge Lockwood is a writer of ability, his excellent literary style being shown in his contributions to the Vicennial Record. His name is on the membership rolls of the University and Yale Clubs of New York, the Woodway Country Club, the Tokeneke Club of Darien, of which he is a director, the Stamford Yacht Club, the Suburban Club of Stamford, the Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Moreys in New Haven, of which he is a life member, the Sea View Golf Club of New Jersey and the Nictau Fish and Game Club of

New Brunswick, Canada. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church of Stamford, while his wife and two sons belong to St. John's Episcopal church. A beautiful memorial window, known as the Davenport window, has been placed in the First Congregational church by Judge Charles D. Lockwood and other members of the Davenport family in memory of Rev. John Davenport, third pastor of the church, and in memory of the Davenport family.

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

By a unanimous vote at the first meeting of the incorporators, The Ferguson Library was named for John Day Ferguson, who was for many years the leading member of the board of school visitors and who was widely known and honored for his devotion to education.

However, previous to the establishment of the present foundation, the library idea had taken root in the community. Dr. William Tatlock, rector of St. John's parish, established in the parish house a circulating library, which in October, 1875, was moved to the second floor of the Seely block, on Main street. The name was changed from the Church Reading Room to Social Reading Room. It was expected that the library would be self-sustaining from membership receipts but private contributions were necessary. In April, 1878, in the hope that in a more favorable location the library would prosper, the rooms of the Union Club on the corner of Atlantic and Main streets were rented and handsomely furnished. But neither the new home nor the moderate membership fee of four dollars and a quarter a year attracted a sufficient number to place the library on a self-supporting basis, and in March, 1879, H. R. Towne, who had been a chief contributor, withdrew his support and the rooms were closed.

That many were interested in a library for Stamford became apparent when it was learned that John Day Ferguson had left a bequest of ten thousand dollars to aid in the establishment of a public library on the condition that his fellow townsfolk contribute twenty-five thousand dollars prior to February 15, 1880. At the request of executors under the will of John Day Ferguson,

Messrs. Calvin C. Child, Alden P. Beals, Oliver Hoyt, J. Smith Dodge, James B. Williams and Thomas G. Ritch consented to act with Walton Ferguson in carrying out that provision of the will referring to a public library. The required sum having been raised within the limit of time specified by the terms of the will, the incorporation of the library was approved March 12, 1880, and a charter was granted by the legislature.

The question of location proved a difficult one to solve. In July, 1880, the trustees rented the lower floor of Dr. Payne's building on Atlantic street, now occupied by Kellogg's toy store, and the rooms were suitably furnished. Andrew W. Paradise was appointed librarian and on January 5, 1882, the library opened its doors. During the fourteen years of his service the library became a firmly established institution in the life of Stamford. It continued to receive many desirable gifts. Mrs. William S. Campbell donated bound volumes of the Advocate for the years 1861-67, thus insuring the library a complete history of Stamford during the Civil war. Mrs. Richardson left a bequest of about twenty-two thousand dollars to the library, with an added clause in her will to the effect that when all the bequests were carried out or lapsed, the residue was to go to The Ferguson Library to establish The Richardson Alcove. On the death of Mrs. Gage her property on Main street came to the library. This was sold for seven thousand dollars. The library also received a gift of ten thousand dollars from John Classon.

In 1889 the Geib property south of the Advocate building on Atlantic street was purchased for eighteen thousand, five hundred dollars. Additions and repairs were made and in December, 1889, the library was opened in its new quarters, where it was housed as conveniently and luxuriously as any similar institution in the state. At that time the library consisted of about six thousand volumes and circulated between thirteen and fourteen thousand books a year. A new feature was the issuing of free cards to the clergy and to the teachers, who were allowed two and three books on a card, while paid subscribers were allowed but one book at a time. The average number of subscribers during the first ten years was three hundred.

Owing to failing health, Mr. Paradise resigned October 23, 1895, and Miss Elizabeth Van Hoevenberg, the next librarian,

served from May 1, 1896, until the fall of 1907, a period of eleven years, during which the activities of the library constantly increased.

Following the announcement of a gift of one thousand dollars in 1899 by John W. Hendrie, the directors voted to reduce the annual subscription to one dollar a year. Whereupon Mr. Hendrie offered another thousand on condition that eight thousand dollars more be raised and the library be made free. After careful consideration the directors decided that it would be impossible to do this on so small an additional endowment. It was also felt that the cramped quarters would not be adequate if the public were freely admitted. For some time the demand for free circulation of books had been growing, but it was not until February, 1909, that this system became effective. Owing to the untiring efforts of the treasurer, Schuyler Merritt, and other members of the board of library directors, an agreement was entered into with the city whereby the library was made free and the city appropriated five thousand dollars a year for running expenses.

This movement proved so popular that the directors of the library felt justified in taking a further step and agreed with the city that Stamford should buy a lot and assume in the future the entire expenses of the library, while the directors of the library should use their endowment funds for the construction of a suitable modern building. Accordingly a bill was passed by the legislature authorizing such action on the part of the city, and providing that the city should share in the management of the library by the appointment of five trustees to form with the existing board a single administrative body.

The cornerstone of the building now occupied was laid October 27, 1910. The principal addresses were made by Dr. J. Smith Dodge on the part of the trustees and by Mayor Edward Tupper on behalf of the city. The Advocate of September 4, 1911, commented as follows on the opening of the library on the preceding day: "It is probable that no library building of its size in the country is more attractive, better lighted, or has superior appointments," a statement which still holds true today.

As was anticipated, the activities of the library developed rapidly under these auspicious conditions. For the first time there was a special room for the children. A story hour on Fri-

day afternoons was instituted and has been an unqualified success. So far beyond all expectations did the work with the children grow that it is now carried on not only through the library but also through the schools and far exceeds the work done in many cities larger than Stamford. The library cooperated with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company in placing a trained librarian in the factory library. In a short time the question of the value of the work had been so emphatically answered in the affirmative that the factory assumed the entire charge of the work. A like result was obtained when the directors of The Ferguson Library cooperated with the superintendent of schools and placed a trained librarian in the high school library, which has now become an integral part of the high school system. During the World war the library solicited and sent to the receiving stations for the army and navy departments several thousand books and magazines for the men overseas, on the seas and in camp. In response to requests from the food administration, pamphlets and leaflets on food conservation, home gardens, canning and drying of fruits and vegetables were widely distributed. The Ferguson Library now has small collections in a half dozen languages and has all the best books published to help foreigners learn the language, history and laws of the country. The periodicals in the reading room have kept pace with the best of the new publications.

Nearly forty years after the original bequest by John Day Ferguson the library received a similar sum in the legacy of his sister, Sarah M. Ferguson, and in 1921 the library received five thousand dollars from the will of another sister, Elizabeth Ferguson. From the will of Lillian Stokes Gillespie, the library acquired possession of many standard sets, handsomely bound and tooled.

Thus it was that the seed of library service, sown in the early days when Stamford was a small town, grew at first slowly until through the bequests and gifts of public-spirited citizens it gained sufficient strength to become partly free and partly subscription; and finally, having been made entirely free and the full responsibility of its support having been accepted by the city, it has kept pace with the ever developing community of which it is a part.

The officers of the library are: Schuyler Merritt, president;

Frederick C. Taylor, vice president; John E. Keeler, secretary; and Walter D. Daskam, treasurer. The board of trustees is composed of Homer S. Cummings, Walter D. Daskam, Miss Helen G. Ferguson, Dr. Dean Foster, Dr. F. H. Getman, Raymond E. Hackett, Judge John E. Keeler, Frederick S. Taylor and Schuyler Merritt.

GAZA HENRY MIKA

A brilliant scholar, Gaza Henry Mika has amply justified the promise of his student days and is now regarded as one of Bridgeport's leading attorneys, while he also has to his credit a fine military record. A native of Czecho-Slovakia, he was born November 4, 1891, a son of Vaclav and Anna Mika, also natives of that country, in which the father always resided. He was the overseer of a large estate and is survived by the mother.

In 1902, when a boy of eleven, Gaza H. Mika crossed the Atlantic in company with his older brother, who had previously made the voyage to America, becoming a student at Oberlin College and a graduate of Oberlin Seminary. Gaza H. Mika acquired his first knowledge of the English language in the public schools of Braddock, Pennsylvania, and was next a pupil in the high school at Berwick, that state. In 1911 he won a scholarship in the Normal School at California, Pennsylvania, and then matriculated in Yale University, which conferred upon him the A. B. degree in 1915. He worked his way through the Yale Law School and was graduated with the class of 1917. On June 19, 1917, he was admitted to the bar of New Haven county and then spent about a year promoting the Czecho-Slovakian revolutionary movement which resulted in the dissolution of Austria-Hungary and the establishment of a republic. On October 5, 1918, he was appointed a captain in the United States army, being attached to the general staff and serving in France.

Captain Mika rendered valuable service to the government in that connection, never faltering in the performance of duty, and was honorably discharged April 19, 1919. In November, 1921, he opened an office in Bridgeport and has established a large and lucrative practice in the intervening period. He is thoroughly

familiar with the fundamental principles of the law and his arguments are lucid, cogent and always to the point.

Captain Mika was married November 17, 1923, to Miss Bertha O. Bushko, of Olyphant, Pennsylvania, and they now have two children: Christine, who was born December 25, 1924; and Gaza H. Jr., born July 26, 1926. They reside at No. 1729 Noble avenue and Captain Mika's office is at No. 1188 Main street. He belongs to the American Legion, the local lodge of Elks, Alpha Sigma Phi, a college fraternity, and the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. Much of his leisure time is spent in the open and golf affords him needed relaxation and diversion. He is a leader of the Czecho-Slovak colony of Bridgeport and a young man of patriotic spirit and high character. His education was self-acquired and the qualities to which he owes his success have won for him a secure place in public esteem.

SANFORD STODDARD

Citizenship to Sanford Stoddard is no mere idle term. It means loyalty in public service and the utilization of every opportunity to promote the general good. A native of Bridgeport, he was born October 11, 1877, and is a son of Goodwin and Julia Elizabeth (Sanford) Stoddard, who were also natives of Bridgeport, where the father successfully engaged in the practice of law for many years.

Sanford Stoddard enjoyed the educational opportunities afforded in private schools of Bridgeport and in St. Paul's School at Concord, New Hampshire, after which he entered Yale University and was graduated in 1899 with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He afterward spent two years as a student in the Harvard Law School and was admitted to the bar on the 7th of January, 1903, after which he began the practice of his profession in Bridgeport in the firm of Stoddard, Bishop & Haviland, now the firm of Marsh, Stoddard & Day. He belongs to the Connecticut Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the International Law Association and is an associate member of the Bar Association of the City of New York. He is chairman of the grievance committee of the Fairfield county bar. He is a director of the

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Turner & Seymour Manufacturing Company of Torrington, Connecticut, the Wheeler Company, of which he is secretary, the Stratfield Hotel Company, of which he is secretary, a director and the president of the University Club Company, and assistant secretary of the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut.

On the 30th of June, 1903, Mr. Stoddard was married to Miss Hannah Gould Johnson, of Hudson, New York, and they have three sons: Johnson, born September 25, 1904; Goodwin, December 23, 1907; and David Gould, October 21, 1912.

Mr. Stoddard has always been interested in outdoor sports and while at college was captain of the Yale hockey team and has always been interested in hockey and in skating. He is now a member of the graduate committee on hockey at Yale and was state champion in squash for a time. He likewise finds recreation in golf and his social nature is expressed in his membership connection with the University Club of Bridgeport, the Brooklawn Country Club, the Contemporary Club, the Country Club of Fairfield, the Pequot Yacht Club and the Yale Club of New York. Personal interests and business activities, however, have never been allowed to monopolize his time and attention to the exclusion of public duties and responsibilities, and in 1927 he accepted the presidency of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, to which he was reelected in 1928. He is likewise a member of the park board of Bridgeport, was a former member of the police board, is a director of the Connecticut Reformatory and was formerly president of the Connecticut branch of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association. He was chairman of Draft Board No. 3 in the war service and presided over the weekly meetings of the six Bridgeport draft boards and had charge of registration in September, 1918.

EDWARD EVERETT ROWELL, M. D.

A notable example of a well spent life is afforded by the career of Dr. Edward E. Rowell, who is one of Stamford's beloved physicians and dean of its medical fraternity. From boyhood he has been a tireless worker and, although seventy-five years of age, he is still active in his profession, of which he is a distinguished

representative. Among his forbears were men and women whose deeds of valor are recorded on the pages of New England's early history, and in person, talents and achievements he is a worthy scion of his race.

The Doctor was born in West Concord, Vermont, October 28, 1853, a son of Frederick and Rosalind (Banfill) Rowell, and is of English lineage. Thomas Rowell, the American progenitor of the family, was one of the incorporators of Salisbury, Massachusetts, and in 1639, when the town was laid out, a tract of land was allotted to him. Dr. Rowell is a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin, who was captured by Indians in 1697 but escaped shortly afterward by killing ten of her captors. Her story is familiar to every reader of the record of the Indian wars and the early settlement of New England. To her was accorded the distinction of being the only woman in this country honored by monuments erected by the people in memory of her heroism. One cenotaph stands at Haverhill, Massachusetts, and the other is located in Penacook, New Hampshire. Samuel Rowell, the grandfather of Dr. Edward E. Rowell, was a successful farmer and trapper and one of the noted bear hunters of northern Vermont. By his wife, Bettie Rowell, he had a son, Frederick, who was born in Kirby, Vermont, June 11, 1823, and also followed agricultural pursuits. In early life he was a whig and later became a republican. He attained the age of seventy-six years, passing away December 9, 1899, in Whitefield, New Hampshire. His wife was born in Dalton, New Hampshire, December 15, 1827, and passed away in New York city, May 19, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years, being at that time a resident of Whitefield. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, deceased, a sister of Frederick Rowell mentioned above, presented to the American people Carpenter's famous painting of Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation and this notable canvas now hangs in the capitol at Washington, D. C. For this act of generosity and in recognition and appreciation of her services in fitting out a hospital ship and sending it to New Orleans during an epidemic of yellow fever, she was granted the freedom of the floor of the United States senate, a privilege, so far as is known, held by no other person except a member of that body.

Dr. Rowell attended the public schools of Littleton, New Hamp-

shire, until he reached the age of fifteen and for two years thereafter was a clerk in a store in New York city. Going to Chicago, he was similarly employed for two years and after the disastrous fire of 1871 he journeyed westward to Colorado. For two years he filled the position of clerk in a Denver store and while engaged in that line of work in the east and west he was a pupil in night schools, thus furthering his education. In Lancaster, Massachusetts, he studied medicine under his brother, Dr. Charles E. Rowell, during the summer and in winter attended the New York Homeopathic College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1877. He then opened an office in Stamford, where his brother, Dr. Charles E. Rowell, located a year later, and in February, 1880, they formed a partnership which existed for about two years. Dr. Edward E. Rowell has continuously followed his profession in this city for a period of fifty-one years and in point of service is its oldest physician. In the early days his work was most arduous but he never failed to respond to the call of duty and willingly donated his services to those who were unable to pay. In the exercise of his beneficent calling he heeds neither nationality nor distinctions of class and is welcomed wherever he goes, not only as a mitigator of bodily ills, but also as a true friend and counselor. A fine type of the old-time family physician, Dr. Rowell is genial, sympathetic, efficient and well poised and inspires hope, trust and confidence in his patients. He enjoys a large and remunerative practice. He is the only living director of the old Gas & Electric Company of Stamford.

Dr. Rowell has been twice married. His first marriage was with Miss Ellen Willard, by whom he had one son, Dr. Edward E. Rowell, Jr., who was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia and has practiced successfully in Greenwich, Connecticut, for several years. He was married in Stamford to Miss Ruth Thompson and they have a son, Henry Thompson, who was graduated from Yale University with the class of 1928. Dr. Edward E. Rowell, Sr., was married June 9, 1892, in Stamford, to Miss Adeline Merritt Skelding, who was graduated from Miss Low's School of Stamford and has always resided here. Her father, William F. Skelding, was a native of New York city and a son of Henry Knapp and Delia (Lockwood) Skelding, who passed away in Stamford. William F. Skelding became one of the leading business men of Stamford and remained in the city

until his death in September, 1885. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and an adherent of the republican party. His wife, Amelia (Merritt) Skelding, was born in New York city and passed away in Stamford, April 12, 1914. To Dr. Edward E. and Adeline Merritt (Skelding) Rowell have been born three children. Dr. Rodney Wallace Rowell was graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical and Surgical College and is also a successful physician in Stamford. During the World war he served as a first lieutenant in the medical corps of the United States army and spent twelve months overseas. He married Miss Helen E. Newman, of Norwalk, Connecticut, and they reside in Norwalk. Dorothy Skelding, the second in order of birth, died in infancy. Doris, the youngest child, was graduated from the Foxcroft School at Middleburg, Virginia, and lives with her parents, who reside at No. 19 West North street. The Doctor's office is at No. 290 Atlantic street.

The family adhere to the Episcopalian faith and are affiliated with St. John's church in Stamford. Dr. Rowell is allied with the republican party and during the early days served at various periods as a councilman of Stamford, to which office he was seven times elected, manifesting his public spirit by effective efforts for the general welfare. Formerly he was identified with the Stamford Yacht Club and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the charter members of the Patriarchs Militant and belongs to the Oxridge Riding Club of Noroton, with which Mrs. Rowell is also connected. She is likewise a member of the Woodway Country Club, the Stamford Yacht Club, the Woman's Club, the Schubert Club and the Symphony Society of Stamford.

FRANK P. MUNICH

Broad experience has thoroughly qualified Frank P. Munich for the important position of assistant clerk of the superior court of Fairfield county and he has also established an enviable reputation as an attorney. He was born in Bridgeport, May 7, 1890. and is a son of Charles and Emma (Matthews) Munich, natives respectively of Connecticut and New York. His early instruction was obtained in the Barnum grammar school of Bridgeport and

in 1908 he was graduated from high school. He was next a student in Yale University, where he completed his studies in 1911 with the degree of LL. B., and in the same year was admitted to the bar. Mr. Munich began the practice of law in Bridgeport and soon demonstrated his ability to handle litigated interests of importance. On April 1, 1915, he was called to public office, becoming clerk of the probate court under Judge Paul Miller, and acted in that capacity until the spring of 1918. In April of that year he was appointed assistant clerk of the superior court of Fairfield county and has occupied the office for ten years, discharging his duties with marked efficiency.

Mr. Munich was married October 14, 1915, to Miss Mae F. Mehan of Danbury, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of two sons, Charles David and Frank P. Jr. During the World war Mr. Munich served in the Connecticut State Guard and was sergeant of his company. He belongs to the order of Sons of Veterans and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Earnest, diligent and purposeful, he has steadily progressed, and his ability, public spirit and fidelity to duty are well known to his fellow citizens, who entertain for him high regard.

HENRY FRANKLIN SWEET

Henry Franklin Sweet has been prominently identified with the Young Men's Christian Association movement for sixteen years, constantly broadening his field of usefulness, and is ideally fitted for his work as general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Stamford. He was born in Andover, Ohio, August 28, 1890, and is a son of Hubert L. and Hattie D. (Osborn) Sweet. The grandfather, Hiram Sweet, was a tanner and resided near Leon, Ohio. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army and was assigned to duty in the quartermaster's department. He was an adherent of the republican party and was a loyal, patriotic citizen. Hubert L. Sweet was born in Pennsylvania, August 15, 1856, and for many years was in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company. He resides in Ashtabula, Ohio, and is active in the work of the Presbyterian

church, although not a member, while his political support is given to the republican party. His wife was born in Youngstown, Ohio, February 20, 1861, and has reached the sixty-seventh milestone on life's journey, while he is seventy-two years of age.

Reared in his native state, Henry F. Sweet pursued his studies in its public schools and in 1909 was graduated from the Ashtabula high school. For two years he attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and then went to Texas, where he spent a year, devoting his time to the planting of orange groves. On October 12, 1912, he was made assistant physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association at Ashtabula, Ohio, and a year later accepted a similar post in Camden, New Jersey. At the end of seven months he was promoted to the position of physical director and remained in Camden until December, 1917, when he was sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, and was made recreational director of the fifty thousand soldiers there stationed, also becoming chairman of the athletic board. Mr. Sweet's assignment at Camp Meade terminated January 1, 1919, and in the following month he went to New Haven, Connecticut, as city physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association. While there he organized the recreational department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company and later was chosen executive secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, established by that corporation for its employes. Since January 1, 1921, he has been general secretary of the Stamford Young Men's Christian Association, which has made notable progress under his expert guidance. In the discharge of his important duties he brings to bear the poise, knowledge and wisdom which result from broad practical experience, while he also has the requisite executive force, and his efforts have been manifestly resultant.

Mr. Sweet was married December 29, 1914, in Ashtabula, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Cameron Prine, who was born September 4, 1890. She was graduated from the Ashtabula high school with the class of 1908 and attended Denison University for a year. Her father, J. Warren Prine, was a native of Ohio and served for many years as postmaster of Ashtabula, of which he was the first city manager, meeting every requirement of those offices. He attended the Presbyterian church and was a republican in his political convictions. His widow, Marion Ross, is living in Ashta-

bula and has always resided in the Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have become the parents of a daughter, Marion Ross, who was born January 19, 1916.

Mr. Sweet is an elder in the Presbyterian church and superintendent of the intermediate department of the Sunday school. Mrs. Sweet adheres to the same faith. She is well known in musical circles of this part of the state and is a soloist in the Congregational church of New Canaan, Connecticut. She also takes an active part in the affairs of the various women's organizations with which she is affiliated. Mr. Sweet is a republican and lends the weight of his support to all worthy public projects. The Stamford Chamber of Commerce numbers him among its energetic members and along fraternal lines he is identified with Wooster Lodge, No. 79, of the Masonic order, which he joined in New Haven, Connecticut. He is also a member and director of the Kiwanis Club of Stamford, and belongs to the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and the Stamford Fish & Game League. His leisure hours are devoted to outdoor sports and thus he maintains the physical vigor without which the highest mental attainment is impossible. Impelled by high ideals, Mr. Sweet has been a serviceable factor in the cause of human progress and his life, much as it holds of accomplishment, is still rich in promise.

JOSEPH WEBER

Energetic, conscientious and persevering, Joseph Weber steadily advanced, prompted by a laudable ambition and is now numbered among Danbury's leading manufacturers, controlling a business which is closely allied with the hat industry. A native of Austria, he was born in 1873 and was a child of five when his parents, George and Jane (Fox) Weber, left that country. They settled in Danbury and his father became well known as a merchant tailor, having a shop at No. 187 Main street.

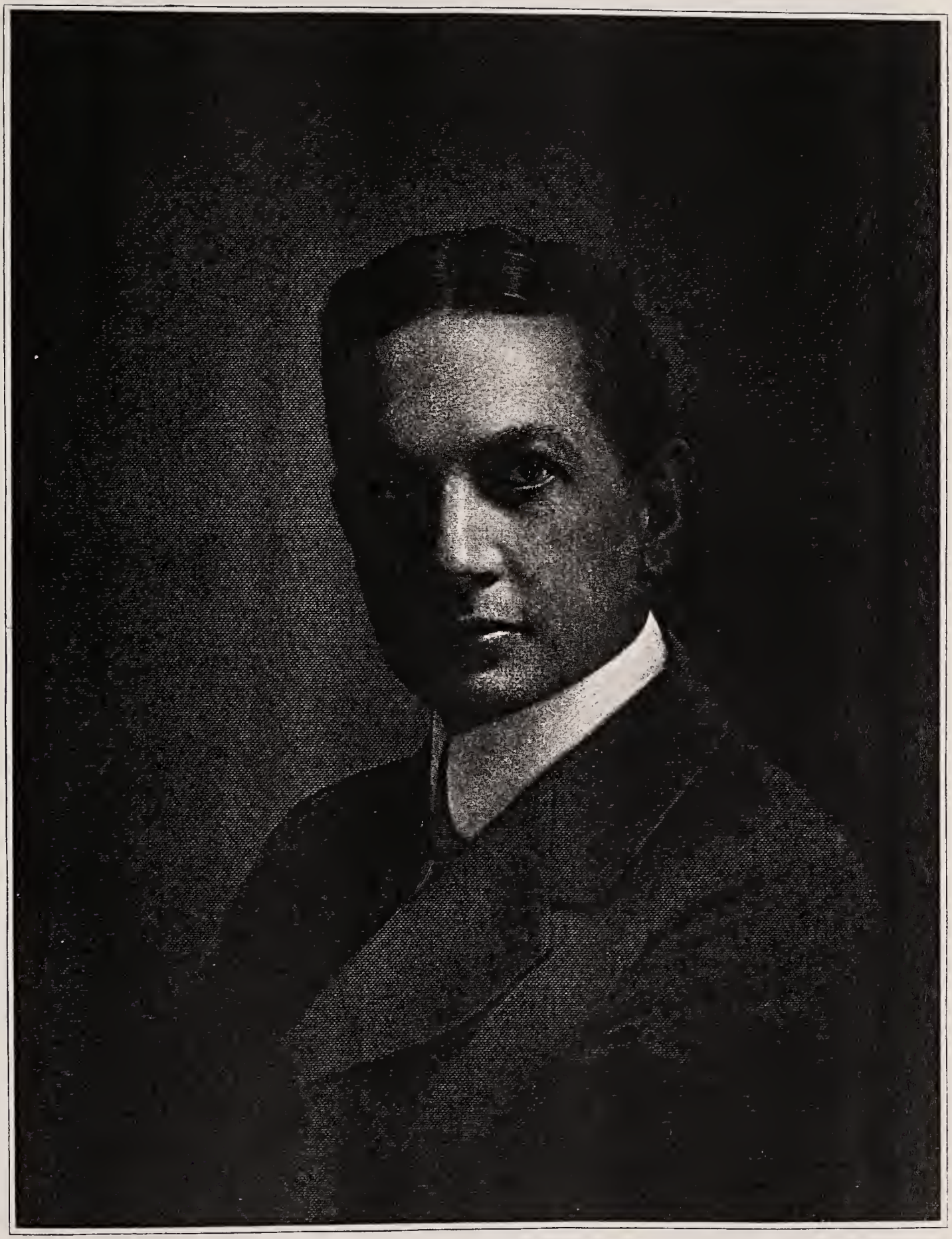
Joseph Weber attended the public schools of this city and obtained his start in life in the fur shop of Pete Robinson, for whom he worked for three years. For a similar length of time he was with the firm of Young & Hunt, furriers, and next accepted a position with the T. & B. Tool Company of Danbury,

remaining with them for four years. After the Spanish-American war he went to Akron, Ohio, and spent two years in that city, working for a firm which had a contract to supply the United States government with shells. On returning to Danbury he became connected with the Boesch Manufacturing Company, makers of machinery, and worked for three years in their River street plant. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the New Machine Company and faithfully served the corporation for fifteen years. In 1919 he purchased the business from the owner, Sterling H. Fenton, and has since conducted the industry under the name of Joseph Weber. He has a modern, well equipped plant at No. 20 Crosby street and specializes in the manufacture of machinery used by hatters and fur cutters. His employes are skilled mechanics and in the operation of the factory he has secured a high degree of efficiency. Broad experience enables him to readily solve the difficult problems which confront the executive and under his expert guidance the business has made notable strides.

In 1905 Mr. Weber was married in Danbury to Miss Mary Smith, a daughter of William Smith, a well known hatter of this city, and they have become the parents of three children: Anna, who has charge of her father's office; George, who assists in the conduct of the business; and Joseph Jr., a public school pupil. Mr. Weber is connected with the Foresters but has few interests outside of his business. He has demonstrated what may be accomplished by concentrated effort, when guided by intelligence and sound judgment, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen, for he has never deviated from the course dictated by conscience and honor.

JOHN COLEMAN DUREY

John C. Durey was born in Saybrook, Ohio, October 12, 1880, a son of Thomas H. and Mary Julissa (Jenks) Durey. His paternal grandfather was Thomas H. Durey, Sr., who died in 1842. He was a native and lifelong resident of England whose ancestors had lived in County Kent from the time of the settlement there of John Durey, who died in 1615. Thomas H. Durey,



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Jr., was born in Kent, November 21, 1838, and when a boy came to the United States with his mother and settled at Saybrook, Ohio, where other members of the family had located. He was educated in the public schools of that locality, after which he engaged in the mercantile business and farming until his death in 1887. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His wife was born in Saybrook, Ohio, and died August 10, 1900. She was a daughter of William H. and Jane (Sheldon) Jenks.

John C. Durey attended the public schools of Saybrook, Ohio, and was graduated from the Geneva Institute. He then entered the law school of Yale University, from which he was graduated *cum laude*, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1906. During his law course he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal for two years and was a member of Phi Delta Phi and Chi Tau Kappa fraternities. He was admitted to the bar of Connecticut in January, 1907, and began his professional career in Stamford, becoming associated with the late John E. Keeler, with whom he later entered into partnership under the firm name of Keeler & Durey. This relationship existed from January 1, 1913, to May, 1918, when Judge Keeler was appointed to the bench of the superior court, later, in 1921, being appointed a justice of the supreme court of errors of Connecticut. After May, 1918, Mr. Durey continued the practice of law with Norris E. Pierson, Robert H. Fruin and Ernest M. Lofgren as associates until January, 1922, when he formed a partnership with Norris E. Pierson, and on January 1, 1923, they consolidated with Judge Frederick C. Taylor, under the firm name of Taylor, Durey & Pierson, which is generally recognized as one of the important law firms of the state. They have offices in the First-Stamford National Bank building and command an extensive clientele.

Mr. Durey is a director of the First-Stamford National Bank and a member of its executive committee, a director of The Western Connecticut Title and Mortgage Company, and is an incorporator of the Citizens' Savings Bank. He is a member of the character committee of the Fairfield County Bar Association, and belongs to the Connecticut Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a director of the Stamford Hospital, a director of The Stamford Boys' Club and a trustee of The Stamford Day Nursery. He is a member of The Woodway Country

Club, the Wee Burn Golf Club, is a director of the Stamford Yacht Club, a member of the board of governors of the Suburban Club and belongs to The Yale Club of New York city. He is a republican in his political views.

On October 20, 1921, at Noroton, Connecticut, Mr. Durey was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Talbot St. John, who was born at Mamaroneck, New York, and is a daughter of the late Talbot Munroe and Marie (Forbes) St. John. Mrs. Durey is a graduate of the Low-Heywood School for girls, is a member of the Junior League and a member of the boards of The Stamford Children's Home and the Visiting Nurse Association. Mr. and Mrs. Durey attend St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, of Stamford, of which he is a vestryman.

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ROBERT MILLER SPERRY

Gifted by nature with varied talents, Robert Miller Sperry achieved distinction as a playwright and has been equally successful in the field of journalism, becoming well known in newspaper circles of New England as the founder, editor and publisher of the Bridgeport Life, one of the best weeklies in this part of the country. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1878, a son of Charles R. and Eunice D. (Hubbell) Sperry, and represents a distinguished colonial family of that city. His great-great-grandfather, Colonel Richard Sperry, served in the Revolutionary war and aided in winning American independence. Another notable member of the family was the Hon. Nehemiah D. Sperry, a congressman from the second district of Connecticut and secretary of state for some time, while for twenty-eight years he served as postmaster of New Haven. His identification with the Masonic fraternity covered more than a half century and owing to his services in behalf of the order he received the honorary thirty-third degree. Charles R. Sperry was a pioneer carriage manufacturer of New Haven and one of its leading business men.

Robert M. Sperry obtained his public school education in his native city and was next a student in Emerson College, class of 1896. In the same year he became the first advertising manager

of the Bridgeport Morning Telegram, and in 1897, when Edward C. Smith opened the Smith Theater, Mr. Sperry took charge of the program and publicity work. This department he managed successfully throughout the period of Mr. Smith's ownership of the house and during that time wrote more than a dozen good plays, which were produced in the Smith Theater. Among the well known actors and actresses who appeared in these dramas were Lowell Sherman, Franklin Ritchie, Ralph Kellard, Margaret McKinney and Seymour Felix. Before disbanding, the entire cast of all the plays was engaged in making a moving picture of eight reels, which was shown for two weeks at the Lyric Theater and attracted much favorable attention.

Having achieved distinction in the theatrical world, Mr. Sperry directed his energies into another channel and in 1915 began his career as a journalist, founding the Bridgeport Life on April 3 of that year. The paper was started in a small wooden building on Brothwell street and there were only three people on the payroll. In the first issue there were ninety-seven advertisers. The entire first mailing was tied with a cotton string in one bundle. There were more than fifty moving picture theaters in the city at that time and copies of Bridgeport Life were on sale in all of them. In one week the Lyric Theater sold over a thousand copies and it was at these theaters the paper began to accumulate a circulation. Bridgeport Life announced at the outset that it was and ever would be nonpartisan, nonsectarian, clean, fearless, independent and progressive. At its mast head was this motto: "To treat the city, fairly; the readers, intelligently; and the advertisers, honestly."

Many difficulties were encountered during the first year but the paper progressed and the Easter issue in 1916 was thirty-six pages. With the aid of the largest printing plant in Bridgeport and one of the largest plants in New Haven, a Christmas number of one hundred pages was produced in 1917, and this was the largest issued in the city. By 1918 Bridgeport Life was calling upon the entire facilities of the largest plant in the city and another plant in New Haven to keep pace with the advertising and circulation. The business was incorporated and work was begun on a modern structure, which was ready for occupancy in May, 1919, when the paper was established in its new home. The

installation of machinery and equipment was completed in June, 1919, and the third issue of that month came from the plant of the Bridgeport Life. At that time there was one linotype machine, one press and just enough equipment to issue the paper. There were four men in the mechanical department and two men and two women in the offices.

In 1920 the price per copy was advanced from five to ten cents in order that the entire load should not be shouldered by the advertiser, and the corporation is now receiving eight cents a copy from yearly subscribers, thus showing a one hundred per cent profit on circulation. This was a step in the right direction toward giving the readers a truthful paper, making Mr. Sperry immune from advertisers' penalties for daring to be fearless. In 1920 he issued a Kiwanis number of sixty-four pages that brought his paper to the front as a civic booster.

In 1921 the entire equipment was doubled in order to keep pace with the growth of the paper. Experienced men were obtained from Stamford, Manchester and Waterbury. A circulation crew was brought from Oakland, California, and in one month turned in over three thousand dollars in new subscriptions. In 1922 Bridgeport Life opened up a new avenue of revenue in order that the independence of the paper might not rest entirely upon the patronage of Bridgeport's best advertisers. This was the beginning of a commercial printing department and at that time a number of new machines were purchased for both the printing and bindery departments.

The greatest compliment ever paid a local publication was during 1923, when all of the manufacturers in the city combined, taking two pages in each issue of Bridgeport Life for one year. This was the greatest piece of industrial advertising ever done in Bridgeport. In 1924 the mechanical equipment was again doubled to keep pace with the growth of the business. The circulation, advertising and printing departments were now running a race for first place. The year 1925 called for added equipment which took up every inch of available space in the building. Two folding machines with an hourly capacity of seven thousand copies were installed. By 1926 the plant was running night and day and the force of employes was increased. Offices were opened in New York and Chicago and another circulation campaign was effected

by the same Oakland people. The year 1927 showed a great increase in all departments, especially the printing of several catalogues in the Spanish language that were shipped to South America.

By April 3, 1928, its thirteenth birthday, Bridgeport Life had increased its employes from three to thirty-two and had twenty electric motors in operation. The birthday number was issued as a letter of thanks to those who had assisted Mr. Sperry and his associates in their efforts to serve Bridgeport and its citizens. The business has enjoyed a continuous growth and since its incorporation each stockholder of the Bridgeport Life Publishing Company has uninterruptedly received seven per cent per annum on his investment. The plant is a model of efficiency and turns out work of the highest grade. The commercial printing department is supplied with Miehle vertical, Miller automatic, Chandler and Price presses, a Siebold cutter, Cleveland folder with automatic feeder, Boston wire stitchers, Portland punchers, Rosback perforators and complete equipment for quality printing. Each of the four typesetting machines in the linotype department is equipped with Cutler-Hammer electric pots, Margach self-feeders, Mohr saws and special tabulating devices. Bridgeport Life has every reason to be proud of its press room equipment. A big Miehle, one of the four presses, is the last word in printing presses for quality work. The Omaha folder, attached directly to the Miehle delivery, automatically folds, trims and delivers Bridgeport Life complete, ready for the mailing department. The Miehle is also equipped with the Johnson automatic gas drier and several special attachments which were designed and made for the paper by the Bryant Electric Company of Bridgeport. This was the first machine of the kind to be installed in the state of Connecticut. The lay-out and make-up department is supplied with Monotype equipment which manufactures leads, slugs and rules by the mile, and borders, ornaments and type by the ton. All steel equipment makes this the last syllable in type furnishing equipment. The composing room is the most modern in the city. Its steel storage cabinets contain over twenty-five tons of display type, every pound of which was manufactured in the Bridgeport Life building. Every detail of this extensive business has been carefully planned by Mr. Sperry, whose establishment is self-acting, each depart-

ment operating independently and in complete harmony with the whole. He is a forceful executive and an editorial writer of exceptional breadth and power.

In 1902 Mr. Sperry was married in Bridgeport to Miss Hattie L. Steinbach, a daughter of Adam and Hedwig (Heyse) Steinbach, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The father was a native of Germany and when a youth of fourteen made the voyage across the Atlantic. He located in Bridgeport and progressed with the city, eventually becoming a successful manufacturer of boots and shoes. Mr. Sperry is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Chamber of Commerce, the Greenfield Hill Country Club, the Algonquin Club, the Reciprocity Club and the Kiwanis Club. As a true editor he has always in mind the dignity and worth of his profession and its responsibility to the public. Strong in his honor and his good name, strong in his ability to plan and to perform, Mr. Sperry has constantly broadened his field of usefulness, becoming a potent factor in promoting projects for the city's advancement along material, intellectual, political, social and moral lines.

REV. PETER HUGH McCLEAN, S. T. L.

Rev. Peter Hugh McClean, one of the distinguished clergymen of Bridgeport, is permanent rector of St. Augustine's church and widely known owing to his activities in behalf of Catholicism, also achieving prominence in the field of public service. He was born in Stamford, Connecticut, November 29, 1862, a son of Hugh and Julia (Ryle) McClean, who were natives of Ireland. The father left the Emerald isle about the year 1850, yielding to the lure of the new world, and was married in St. John's church in Stamford. There he engaged in contracting for more than fifty years, contributing materially toward the city's upbuilding and improvement, and also operated a large dairy. He was a business man of exceptional ability and high standing and a valuable citizen. At his death in 1897 he left an estate valued at about a half million dollars and his wife passed away in 1909. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom survive: Nellie A.; Peter Hugh; James F. and Minnie L., twins, the latter now the widow of

Thomas Stark; Margaret L., who is Mrs. Phineas Taylor Vize; Mrs. Julia Ryan; and Hugh V. McClean, of Portland, Oregon.

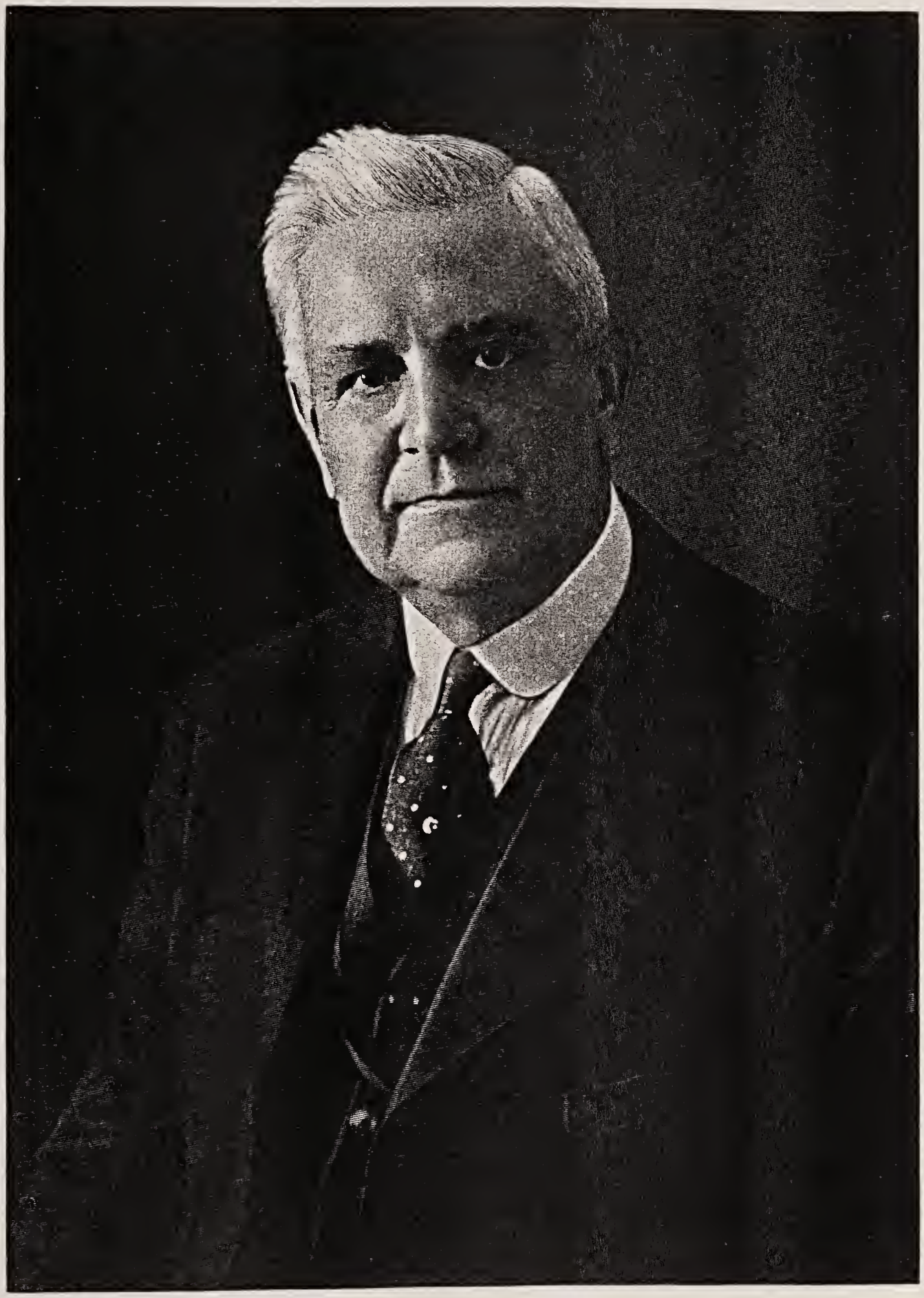
Rev. Peter H. McClean completed a course in the Stamford high school in 1878 and for two years was a teacher in the public schools of that city. Afterward he went to Baltimore, Maryland, and on September 3, 1883, matriculated in St. Charles' College, from which he was graduated in 1888 with high honors. In September, 1888, he enrolled as a student in St. John's Seminary at Brighton, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, and in September, 1893, matriculated in the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., which institution conferred upon him the degrees of S. T. B. and S. T. L. On December 22, 1893, he was ordained to the priesthood in Boston by Archbishop Williams and subsequently was assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church in Norwich, St. Mary's church in Greenwich, St. Andrew's church in Colchester and St. Joseph's cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut. In October, 1898, Bishop Tierney formed the Connecticut apostolate to conduct Catholic missions and lecture in the diocese of Hartford, and appointed Father McClean to the office of superior. Milford, Connecticut, was selected as the home of this apostolate, of which Father McClean was superior for twenty-six and a half years, and during that time he conducted missions in almost every part of the United States, having six priests as his assistants. The bishop had many times offered him a larger parish but he declined owing to his love for missionary work. During his stay in Milford he served for about twenty years on the board of education and as chairman of the building and supply committee had charge of the erection of most of the public schools in that place, manifesting a deep and helpful interest in civic affairs. As a result of his efforts five churches were built in Milford and St. Mary's was renovated and enlarged. He erected St. Agnes' church at Woodmont; St. Gabriel's, located at Walnut Beach and later destroyed by fire; St. Gabriel's at Walnut Beach, a beautiful edifice conforming to the Spanish type of architecture, and St. Ann's church at Devon. Rev. McClean also purchased the beautiful Laurenton Hall estate, in Milford, the home of the late Henry A. Taylor, and there opened the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. Under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy this institution has rapidly developed and is now one of the most noted schools in Connecticut. He likewise purchased the fine rectory on Broad street in Milford and materially

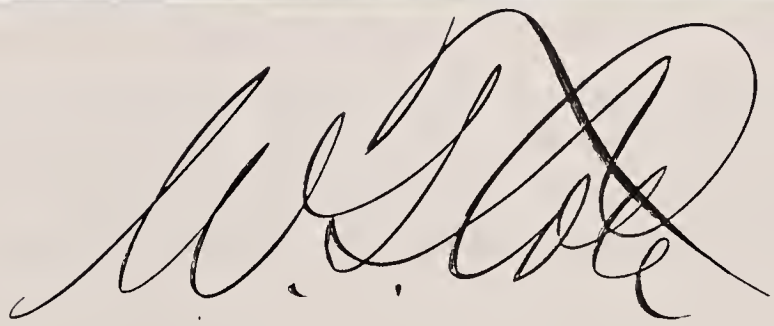
augmented the numerical and financial strength of the church. Early in September, 1924, Bishop Nilan appointed Father McClean permanent rector of St. Augustine's church in Bridgeport and his work in this city has been equally resultant and beneficial. He purchased the Calhoun place, adjoining St. Augustine's church, and is now using the building as a clubhouse for the parish. Under his direction notable improvements are being made, thus enhancing the value of the property. He has beautified St. Michael's cemetery and also has charge of St. Augustine's school, which has an enrollment of nearly one thousand pupils.

While a resident of Milford, Father McClean served on the board of synodal examiners of the clergy and is now connected with the board of consultors for Bishop Nilan. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, the Rotary Club and the Travel Club of America. As a public speaker and lecturer he has achieved distinction and has preached at the dedication of more churches than any other priest in the diocese. He was lecturer in Holy Cross Academy at Washington, D. C., in Laurenton Hall at Milford, and has also given lectures to the public school pupils of that city and Bridgeport. By precept and example he has labored long and earnestly to promote the welfare of all the people and teach the doctrine of tolerance. Endowed with the power to quicken the souls of men, he has become a strong moving force for moral progress and a potent factor in extending the influence of his church. Father McClean is loved by his parishioners and draws his friends from all walks of life.

WILLIAM T. COLE

William T. Cole, president of the Fabric Fire Hose Company of Sandy Hook, was born at Paterson, New Jersey, December 24, 1861, and is a son of William and Ellen (Quinton) Cole. He attended Tallman's preparatory school and afterward had commercial training in the Paterson Business College. He next entered the employ of the First National Bank of Paterson, New Jersey, as a clerk, and remained in that institution for four years. While serving in that capacity he formed a partnership





for the conduct of a silk manufacturing business under the firm name of Cole & Kuett. From the beginning the enterprise developed until it had reached such proportions that Mr. Cole left the bank to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the growing industry. In 1890, however, he withdrew from the firm of Cole & Kuett to become identified with the Fabric Fire Hose Company of New York city, there remaining until 1900, when the business was removed to Sandy Hook, Connecticut, where for twenty-eight years he has operated without shutting down for as much as one business day. This is certainly a notable record. The plant is well equipped with modern machinery and every facility to promote the business has been secured. The company is now a subsidiary of the United States Rubber Company and is engaged in the production of wax and Para gum treated hose. They manufacture under patents a distinctive character of fire hose, the cotton fabric being of absolutely waterproof quality, a result accomplished by running each thread of cotton through a mixture of melted wax and gum, after which these several fibres are collected into strands, thoroughly twisted and cabled, becoming practically a collection of waxed ends such as are used by a shoemaker or harness maker. These cables are then circularly woven into the fabric in one, two, three and four independent plies, or double and triple jackets, and lined with the highest grade of Para gum, producing what is termed wax and gum treated rubber lined, cotton fire hose, with a record of forty years of successful service. The only care necessary is to dry the hose after it has been used and it is then ready to be placed on the reel. The plant is thoroughly modern, being equipped to produce the best possible results, and the sales of the company are constantly increasing. Mr. Cole is not only president and director of the Fabric Fire Hose Company, but is also vice president and treasurer of the Plastic Moulding Corporation and a trustee of the Newtown Savings Bank.

On the 14th of February, 1884, Mr. Cole was married to Miss Susan M. Winters, and they have one son, Charles S. Mr. Cole is greatly interested in the community welfare and cooperates in all projects for the general good. He is a director of the Newtown Academy and in 1929 represented Newtown in the state legislature, serving as a member of the committee on banks. He has

always been a stanch advocate of republican principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery at Paterson, New Jersey. He also became a member of the Paterson lodge of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, all of Paterson. For twenty-nine years he has resided continuously in Newtown, where his labors have been wisely and carefully directed, bringing results that have been highly satisfactory in the improvement of his own fortunes and in the development of industrial activity as well.

JOSEPH PETER FRISBIE

Ably continuing the work begun by his father, Joseph Peter Frisbie has developed one of Bridgeport's oldest and most successful industries and is widely and favorably known as the executive head of The Frisbie Pie Company, whose ramifying trade relations extend throughout the state. He was born March 21, 1878, on the second floor of the building in which the bakery was founded and was literally born in the business, which has constituted his life work.

For more than three hundred years members of the Frisbie family have lived in Connecticut, bearing an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement and progress. During the colonial epoch in American history Edward Frisbie settled in Branford, Connecticut, and there resided from 1620 to 1690. By his wife, Frances (England) Frisbie, he had a son, Caleb, whose residence in Branford covered the period from 1667 to 1737. His wife was Hannah Ross and they were the parents of Caleb Frisbie (II), also a lifelong resident of Branford, born in 1702 and died in 1772. He married Mary Wilford and their son, Thomas Frisbie, was born in Branford in 1737 and there passed away in 1825. By his wife, Deborah Goodsell, he had a son, Thomas Frisbie (II), who was born in Branford in 1787 and there remained until his death in 1835. He married Mary Hordley and they were the parents of Russell Frisbie, who was born in Branford in 1812 and died in Wallingford, Connecticut, in

1889. By his wife, Laura Mattron, he had a son, William R. Frisbie, who became the father of Joseph P. Frisbie of this sketch. William R. Frisbie was born in Wallingford in 1848 and when a young man came to Bridgeport. Here he married Mary A. Black, a native of the city. Their living apartments were in the second story of a building at No. 363 Kossuth street and the first floor was utilized by William R. Frisbie as a bakery. He started the business in 1871 and it is still located at the same address but the original building has been supplemented by many large additions. Mr. Frisbie excelled in making pies and decided to specialize in that branch of the baking industry, in which he achieved gratifying success, continuing at the head of the business until his death in 1903, when he was fifty-five years of age.

At an early age Joseph P. Frisbie began to work in the bakery, diligently applying himself to his tasks, and in 1898, after his graduation from high school, became associated with his father in making pies. Owing to the high quality of their product the sales rapidly increased and in 1903 the business was incorporated under the name of The Frisbie Pie Company, of which Joseph P. Frisbie became president and treasurer. The reputation of the Frisbie pies spread so rapidly that the cities of New Haven, Derby, Shelton, Waterbury, Danbury, Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich were included in the distribution of the products of this establishment. In 1923 a branch bakery was opened in Hartford and from that point the trade of the firm in Hartford, Springfield, Holyoke, New Britain, Bristol, Meriden, Wallingford, New London, Norwich and South Manchester has since been served. The fame of the Frisbie pies has spread throughout the state and it is safe to say that no other firm of the kind covers so wide an area in the distribution of its goods. The reputation this pioneer concern holds for unique methods and clean, up-to-date bakeries makes it rank first in the pie industry. The Frisbie bakeries are visited by pie bakers from all parts of the country, who consider them the best in the United States. Catering at first to a small community, the firm has steadily broadened the scope of its activities and now serves more than two hundred thousand persons with its delectable pies each day, requiring a fleet of over sixty motor trucks for the delivery of its goods. To the upbuilding of this extensive industry Mr. Frisbie has devoted the best efforts of his life, creating a model institution which

mirrors his executive power, his progressive spirit and high standards of production. He also has financial interests, being a director of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company and the American Bank & Trust Company of Bridgeport.

Mr. Frisbie was married October 29, 1927, in this city to Miss Marion A. Rose, a native of Bridgeport and a daughter of Joseph J. Rose, who served for a number of years as probate judge. In 1917 Mr. Frisbie became a private in Company I of the Connecticut Home Guard and served until the termination of the World war. He is active in club and fraternal affairs and is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Mason. In 1923 he was made potentate of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine and also belongs to Pequonnock Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been called to the presidency of Kiwanis and Algonquin Clubs of Bridgeport and is also identified with the Brooklawn Country Club, the Bridgeport Automobile Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers Association. Mr. Frisbie is affiliated with the United Congregational church and resides in Brooklawn Park, an attractive suburb of Bridgeport. He measures up to high standards in every relation of life and his record reflects credit upon an honored family name.

WILLIAM HENRY STEVENSON

Though more than a quarter of a century has passed since William Henry Stevenson was called from this life, he is remembered as one whose activities left an indelible impress upon the history of Bridgeport and Fairfield county, where he won prominence as railroad president, colonel of militia, politician and musician. He was born in Bridgeport, April 29, 1847, and here passed away on the 17th of February, 1901, when about fifty-four years of age. His ancestors were English and Scotch and in the early colonial days settled in Westport, Norwalk and Stratford, Connecticut. He was a son of William Gorham and Lucinda (Thompson) Stevenson, strong-minded and estimable people. His father was a merchant who made a commendable record as alderman of Bridgeport for many years and who also filled the office of treasurer of the local lodge of Odd Fellows for over twenty years.

A contemporary biographer said: "The same activity and industry which made his mature life so full of achievement characterized William Henry Stevenson in boyhood, and his great energy was exercised along mental as well as physical lines. He read history and biography with great zeal and took special interest in the lives of men in the railroad world and in military history. He received his education in Eastman's National Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated in 1864 with the degree of Master of Accounts. After leaving Eastman's at the age of seventeen he became a clerk in the office of the Housatonic Railroad in Bridgeport, and while there employed he devoted his spare time to the study of telegraphy and stenography. His diligence and ability won him speedy promotion and in 1872 he became special agent of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In 1874 he was made paymaster of the New York Central Railroad and later in that same year superintendent of the Shore Line division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In 1882 he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Meanwhile he had studied law with the vice president of that road and had been admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1878. For two successive years (1885-6) he was president of the Association of American Railroad Superintendents. In the 'Parallel Railroad' contest in 1889, Colonel Stevenson was placed at the head of the syndicate of New York millionaires who aimed to establish an independent through railroad in Connecticut and were beaten in the legislature by a few votes only."

In 1888 and for the five subsequent years Colonel Stevenson was vice president and general manager of the Housatonic Railroad, president of the New Haven & Derby Railroad, manager and director of the Danbury & Norwalk Railroad, director of the New York & New England Railroad, president of the New York, Rutland & Montreal Railroad, and vice president and manager of the Shepaug, Litchfield & Northern Railroad. These roads were combined under a syndicate which planned to have an independent line from New York to Boston, and from New York, Bridgeport and New Haven to Montreal and Canadian cities. In the first year of his connection with this syndicate, Colonel Stevenson built the "Derby Extension" railroad from Derby to a junc-

tion with the Housatonic Railroad at Botsford Station, thus gaining a new and independent route from New Haven to the west. In 1892 all of these railroads, except the New York, Rutland & Montreal Railroad, passed over to the control of the Consolidated Railroad, for they had been developed under Colonel Stevenson's capable management into such strong and effective service and prosperous financial condition that the Consolidated found them necessary to their own system. The Rutland road became a part of the New York Central Lines. At the time of his early death in vigorous manhood, Colonel Stevenson was engaged in building a railroad through the central part of Ohio, from Columbus south.

Next to the railroad business Colonel Stevenson's chief interests were in military, political, fraternal and musical affairs. He served as captain in the Connecticut National Guard from 1879 to 1884, as major from 1884 to 1885 and as colonel on Governor Waller's military staff in 1885. He was also a member of the "Old Guard" Veteran Battalion of New York.

The part which the Colonel played in state and city politics was prominent and distinguished. In 1877, when only thirty years of age, he was nominated for state representative by the democrats but was defeated by the great showman, P. T. Barnum. For four years he was alderman of Bridgeport and for many years he was a member of the democratic state central committee. In 1881, when he was thirty-three years old, he was the democratic nominee for mayor, but that party lost the election. In 1884 he was president of the Young Men's Cleveland and Hendricks Club. For many years he was a member of the board of park commissioners of Bridgeport, the "Park City." In 1890 he was prominently mentioned as candidate for governor but was too busy with railroad affairs to allow the use of his name in nomination.

The Colonel was a member of many prominent clubs of Bridgeport, New Haven and New York and was most active in Odd Fellowship and in Masonic matters. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a Mystic Shriner, first exalted ruler of the Elks of Bridgeport, grand master of Connecticut Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in 1884, grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the World in 1885 and grand marshal of that body in 1886, in which year he

was also colonel on the staff of General Underwood, commanding the Patriarchs Militant of the World.

In the musical world Colonel Stevenson became well known as the composer of many musical pieces of established merit and popularity as well as the leader of "Stevenson's Military Band." He was a brilliant and skillful pianist and always considered music the ideal pastime.

In creed Colonel Stevenson was an Episcopalian. For many years he was vestryman of St. John's Episcopal church of Bridgeport and a generous supporter and active worker in that church. As a result of his religious belief and great practical experience he was abundantly able to advise young men, whom he always taught to cultivate "industry, persistence, hard work and courage."

Colonel Stevenson is survived by two children, though his family numbered five. Mrs. Stevenson's maiden name was Mary Hough Shelton and they were married in 1869. She died February 14, 1924. The surviving children are: Henry C., who is mentioned at length on another page of this work; and Mary Bell Stevenson, now the wife of Arthur N. Wheeler, of Trumbull, Connecticut.

WARREN C. MERCIER

Warren C. Mercier, secretary and treasurer of the American Hatters and Furriers, at Danbury, who has been officially identified with this concern for twenty-two years, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1882, and is a son of John L. and Mary T. (Offensandt) Mercier, both of whom were natives of France. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city, later attending high school in New York city and Packard Institute, of that city. In 1906 he came to Danbury, Connecticut, and became associated with the American Hatters and Furriers, which was incorporated in 1893 and has always been located at 70-84 Beaver street, the business being that of preparing hatters' fur. In the year that he came here Mr. Mercier was appointed assistant treasurer of the company and in 1912 was made treasurer. The present officers are Charles D. Parks, president; E. M.

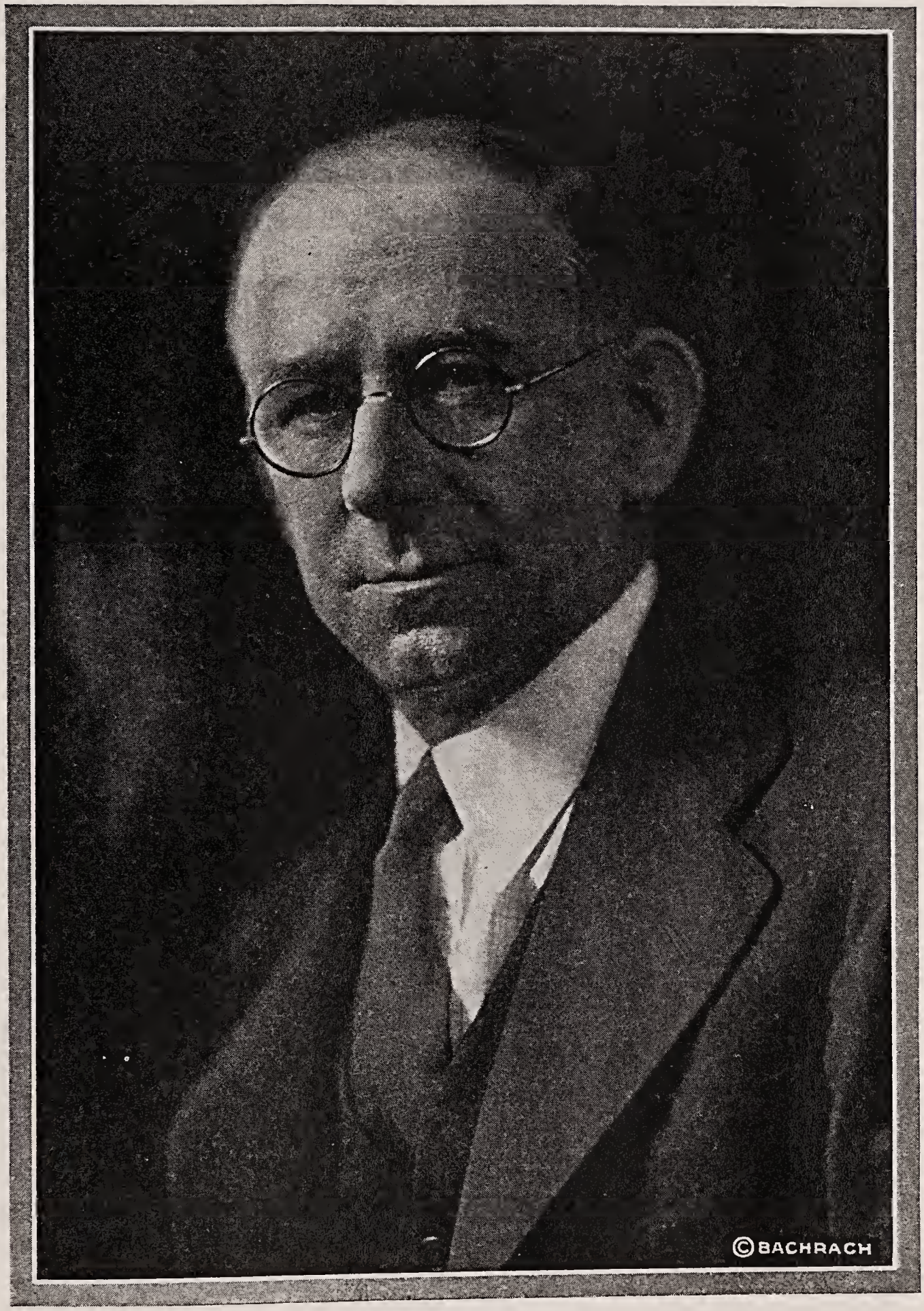
Adams, vice president; and Warren C. Mercier, secretary and treasurer.

In 1906 Mr. Mercier was united in marriage to Miss May McGovern, of New York, and to them have been born two children, Jessie and Rita. Mr. Mercier's attention is given largely to the management of his business interests and he is regarded as one of Danbury's progressive and representative men. He has shown a keen interest in everything relating to the progress and welfare of the community in which he lives and in his career has exemplified a splendid type of citizenship.

ROBERT EDWARD BEDNALL

In the steps of an orderly progression Robert Edward Bednall has risen to the presidency of one of the large automobile firms of Stamford and is known as a man of marked strength of character, dominated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency. He was born in Birmingham, England, November 24, 1872, and his parents, George Edward and Hannah (Berridge) Bednall, were also natives of that country. His grandfather, George Edward Bednall (I), lived in England for several years and on coming to the United States established a brass foundry in Brooklyn, New York, where he also engaged in the plating of silver. Later he removed to Newark, New Jersey, and there passed away. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church and a strong prohibitionist. George E. Bednall (II) was associated with his father in the brass foundry business in England and sailed for America in 1880. For a number of years he was assistant chief engineer for the Cranford Company, a Brooklyn firm of contractors, and remained in that city until his demise in 1896. He adhered to the religious belief of his father and in politics was a republican. He is survived by Mrs. Bednall, who still resides in Brooklyn.

Robert E. Bednall was a lad of five when his parents crossed the Atlantic. He acquired his education in the public schools of Brooklyn and in Pratt Institute of New York city, pursuing a mechanical engineering course. For five years he was in the employ of the Cranford Company, widely known as the inventors



ROBERT E. BEDNALL

of asphalt paving, as assistant to the chief engineer, and then entered the service of the Marine Engine Building Company, 442-44 Water street, New York, controlled by Robert Rae. Mr. Bednall was placed in charge of the shop and later purchased the business. He repaired many of the steamboats plying on Long Island sound and coast steamships and while engaged in that work formed the acquaintance of Captain Holmes, of Greenwich, Connecticut, through delivering a steamer to Greenwich, Connecticut for him. This was early in 1906. During 1906 Mr. Bednall had charge of the automobile repair shop of the street cleaning department of New York city. About that time he met Fred Allen, who later induced him to take charge of the repair department of the Allen & Asten Automobile Company of Greenwich. This company was afterward succeeded by the firm of Allen Brothers, Inc., of which Mr. Bednall is now the president. The main office is in Greenwich and branches have been established in Stamford, Port Chester and New Canaan, Connecticut. The firm handles the Cadillac and La Salle automobiles and annually distributes a large number of these high-class cars. Mr. Bednall has thoroughly systematized the work and is assisted by a well trained corps of salesmen. He maintains his headquarters at No. 741 East Main street, Stamford, and is at the head of an extensive business which has been developed by close attention to detail, judicious management and the maintenance of a high standard of service. The firm is a member of the Cadillac Automobile Dealers Association.

In 1901 Mr. Bednall was married in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Irene I. Riker, who was born in that city in 1874 and was graduated from one of its high schools. Her father, Edward Riker, was a Union soldier and after the Civil war became one of the city employes of Brooklyn, working in its parks for a number of years. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his religious views were in accord with the doctrines of the Dutch Reformed church. He was born in Brooklyn and passed away in that city. His wife, Catherine (Keys) Riker, was a native of Chicago and died in Brooklyn.

Mr. Bednall served in the Spanish-American war, discharging the duties of battalion quartermaster, and was connected with the New York National Guard for fifteen years. His home is at

Sound Beach and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Congregational church of that place. Mrs. Bednall belongs to the King's Daughters and also to the Sound Beach Singing Society. Along fraternal lines Mr. Bednall is identified with the Greenwich Lodge of Elks and Acacia Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M., and in politics he is a republican. He is a member of the Chambers of Commerce of Greenwich and Stamford, a director of the Boys' Club of Greenwich, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Greenwich, the Rotary Club of that city, and the High Ridge Country Club of Stamford. Golf affords him relaxation from business cares. His progressive spirit and constantly expanding powers have carried him into important relations and the strength that he manifests in commercial affairs has its root in those qualities which inspire respect and confidence.

VICTOR HENRY VEIT

In the steps of an orderly progression Victor H. Veit has risen to the office of chief of the Stamford fire department, with which he has been identified for thirty-three years, serving the city to the extent of his ability, and has also figured prominently in other connections. He was born June 19, 1873, in Stamford and his parents, Frank Valentine and Theresa (Heller) Veit, were natives of Germany, which they left in their youth, coming to the United States. The father was a successful contractor and erected many of Stamford's fine homes. As a business man he was enterprising, capable and upright, thus winning the respect and confidence of all with whom he dealt. His religious views were in harmony with the tenets of St. John's Episcopal church, of which he was a consistent member, and his political support was given to the republican party. He passed away in Stamford in November, 1887, and was long survived by his wife, who died in this city in November, 1925.

In the acquirement of an education Victor H. Veit attended the public schools of Stamford and while in the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company he served an apprenticeship as a plumber and steam fitter. He acquired proficiency in that line of work and his industry and ability won for him the

position of foreman. In that connection he had charge of the men employed in the plumbing and steam-fitting departments and remained with the Yale & Towne Company for twenty-six years. He became a call fireman of Stamford, January 14, 1895, and was assigned to Engine Company No. 2. His worth was soon recognized and on June 10, 1901, he was chosen captain of Engine Company No. 1. His next promotion made him assistant call chief, October 13, 1905, and on June 30, 1915, when the office of deputy chief was created as a permanent post, Mr. Veit was selected as its incumbent. Owing to his work in that connection he was made chief of the department July 1, 1920, and his achievements during the intervening period of eight years have amply justified the wisdom of the appointment. A strict disciplinarian, he has perfected a fine system of training, also instituting other improvements, and has brought the department up to a high standard of efficiency. His work has elicted high commendation. He is also a director of the Stamford Building & Loan Association.

In 1895 Mr. Veit married Miss Lucy Gill, who was a daughter of Alfred and Ann Gill, of Stamford, and passed away May 2, 1920. She had become the mother of six children, three of whom are deceased. Three sons living were educated in the public schools of Stamford. Frank F., the eldest, who was born December 13, 1898, is an expert electrician and superintendent of Stamford's system of fire alarms. He married Miss Augusta Speh, of this city, and they have a daughter, Barbara Louise. Victor A., born April 14, 1902, took a course in the Scranton Correspondence School and Pratt Institute of New York city, receiving his diploma as an electrical engineer, and is an instructor of the employes of the Edison Electric Company of New York city. In Stamford he married Miss Bessie Parks, by whom he has a daughter, Bettie Jean. Howard C., born October 21, 1906, is connected with the Stamford Water Company. Mr. Veit's second marriage, in June, 1921, was with Mrs. Goldie (Banks) Barrett, who received her education in the public schools of Pleasantville, New York. Her father was George Banks, of Pleasantville, now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Veit are Episcopalians in religious faith, the former being affiliated with St. John's church of Stamford and the latter with St. Andrew's church. He is a member and direc-

tor of the local Kiwanis Club and his wife is connected with several women's organizations in White Plains, New York. Along fraternal lines he is identified with Stamford Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., and is also connected with the Sons of Herman and a member of the Council of Boy Scouts. At one time he was a member of the city and town republican committee and served for six years as city sheriff of Stamford. He is state vice president of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, and also vice president for Fairfield county of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association. In the discharge of his duties he was fearless and capable, leaving nothing undone in his efforts to secure the strict enforcement of the law and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of the city. His record is unsullied and reflects credit and honor upon the city in which his life has been spent, while his personal qualities are such as make for strong and enduring regard.

ANDREW RUSSELL JONES

Choosing a definite objective, Andrew Russell Jones utilized intelligence, energy and perseverance in its attainment and now enjoys the distinction of being Danbury's leading hardware merchant. He was born at Orange Springs, Florida, in 1861, a son of William Burr and Jane (Donnan) Jones, the latter a native of Scotland. They settled in Danbury when Andrew R. Jones was an infant and afterward removed to Ridgefield, Connecticut. There William B. Jones was associated with his father in the manufacture of hats, operating a factory located in the rear of the present site of the Ridgefield post office.

Andrew R. Jones attended the public schools of Danbury and obtained his first experience in commercial affairs with the firm of Hull & Rogers, hardware dealers, with whom he remained for ten years. In 1896 he bought out C. S. Andrews, engaged in the same line of business, and organized the Danbury Hardware Company. In 1918 he was joined by his brother, William Burr Jones, a dealer in furniture, floor covering and china, and they are now officers of Danbury's greatest store. Andrew R. Jones is president of the Danbury Hardware Company and for ten years has been

the executive head of the Hull-Grippen Company, a New York hardware firm which was established in 1849. He knows every phase of the trade, of which he has made a life study, and this knowledge is supplemented by broad vision and mature judgment. Under his expert administration both corporations have made notable strides and he is also a trustee of the Savings Bank of Danbury.

In 1888 Mr. Jones was married in Danbury to Edith G. (Wilcox) Bradley, of this city. Mrs. Jones died December 6, 1926. Mr. Jones belongs to the Progressive Lodge of Odd Fellows, the various Masonic bodies, including the Shrine, and the Rotary Club of New York city. At one time he was president of the Danbury Business Men's Association and later represented the Connecticut Business Men's Association and the Connecticut Hardware Dealers Association in the same capacity, serving for a year. In matters of citizenship he is loyal and public-spirited and his standing as a business man is shown by the offices which he has filled.

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HON. HENRY C. STEVENSON

Hon. Henry C. Stevenson, a well known attorney of Bridgeport, where he maintains offices at 83 Fairfield avenue, has been continuously identified with professional interests for more than three decades. He has also figured prominently in public affairs and has made a commendable record on the bench. He was born July 15, 1873, a son of William H. and Mary H. (Shelton) Stevenson, also natives of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and representatives of colonial families who became pioneers of Fairfield county. Henry C. Stevenson boasts five ancestors who served as officers in the Revolutionary war. Among his forebears in the maternal line were the Eliots, colonial settlers of Boston, Massachusetts, who came thence to the town of Fairfield, this state, and participated actively in the pioneer development of both Fairfield and Stratford. The Stevenson family were Tories in England under the reign of George III, and representatives of the name who came to America took up their abode among the early settlers of Fairfield county and became leading townsmen. A separate biography of William H. Stevenson, father of Henry C. Stevenson, may be found on another page of this work.

Afforded excellent educational opportunities, Judge Stevenson completed a high school course in Bridgeport by graduation in 1891 and three years later, in 1894, was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of New Haven. His professional training was received in the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1897, and in June of that year he was admitted to the bar. Through the intervening period of thirty-two years he has continued an active and successful representative of the legal profession in Bridgeport. Recognition of his ability brought him to the front in the public life of the community. He filled the office of deputy probate judge of the district court for a number of years, served as judge of the Bridgeport city court for four years and for a similar period was alderman at large for the city of Bridgeport. He was chosen president of the board and became acting mayor, while for a period covering two decades he has been deputy coroner of Fairfield county.

On the 11th of November, 1913, Judge Stevenson was united in marriage to Marthena Crump, of Bridgeport. They are the parents of two children, Stuart Shelton and Frances, and maintain an attractive home in Fairfield.

Judge Stevenson served as captain in the Connecticut National Guard for many years prior to the World war, and when the United States became involved in the conflict he was made adjutant for the Connecticut State Guard with the rank of captain. He has membership connection with the Sons of the American Revolution, with the Fairfield Beach Club and with the Bridgeport Bar Association. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in Trinity Episcopal church, in which he is serving as vestryman. His has been an active and useful life. Judge Stevenson always carefully maintains the highest standards of the law and he enjoys in full measure the high regard of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

CLIFFORD R. WRIGHT

Clifford R. Wright, of Darien, who for many years followed the profession of designer of mortuary art, in which he gained wide recognition for his ability, is now, in partnership with his wife, engaged in the real estate business in Darien and is meet-

ing with very satisfactory success. Born in Stamford, Connecticut, on the 16th of October, 1878, he is a son of Theodore B. and Ida (Rawson) Wright. His paternal grandfather, Stephen Wright, was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, followed the stonemason trade for many years, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in Albany, New York. His wife, Elizabeth Blakeman, was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and died in Coscob, this state. They were the parents of Theodore B. Wright, who was born in New York state, October 25, 1849, and now makes his home with his son, Clifford R., in Darien. He was a railroad engineer in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for over thirty years, but is now retired. He is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Ida (Rawson) Wright was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 25, 1853, a daughter of Chauncey and Anna Eliza (Lyon) Rawson, the latter born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and died in Jersey City. Chauncey Rawson was born in Little Falls, New York, and died in Nyack, that state. He organized and operated a number of bus lines over the plank roads of that state. He was an active democrat in politics and served at one time in the New York legislature. His father, Chauncey Rawson, Sr., owned a whaling ship, the Wayne Rawson, which plied between New Bedford and the island of Madagascar.

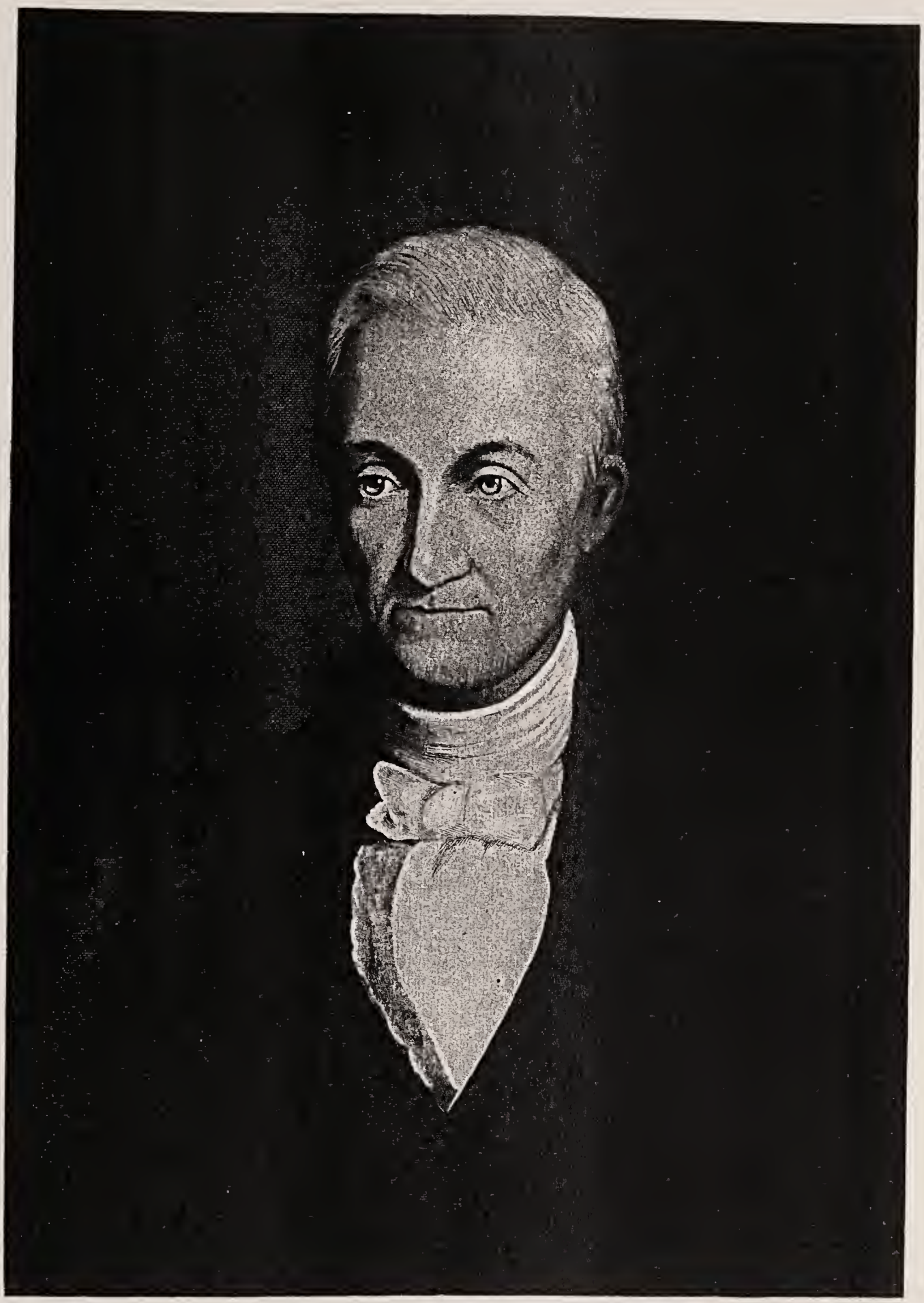
Clifford R. Wright received his education in the public schools of New Rochelle, New York, after which, for one year, he was employed as a bookkeeper by G. P. Putnam & Company, of New Rochelle and New York city. He then became an understudy in sculptuary for W. Liance Cottrell, of Woodlawn, New York, with whom he remained two years, after which he studied sculpture in Boston with John Edwards & Company for three years. During this period he also attended night school at the Mechanics Art Institute, from which he was graduated. He then went to New York city as assistant designer to W. Liance Cottrell, who at that time was associated with the Harrison Granite Company, designers and builders of mortuary art. He held that position for ten years, after which he became associated with the Presbey-Leland Company, mortuary architects and builders, for whom he worked as a designer for twelve years. During this period he

resided in Darien and on severing his connection with that company Mr. Wright joined his wife in the real estate business, which she had previously established under her own name, Mrs. C. R. Wright, by which style it is still known, though the business is owned by them jointly.

On February 7, 1907, in New York city, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Thyra Augusta Wallin, who was born in Stockholm, Sweden, and is a daughter of John Peter and Clara Augusta (Lannes) Wallin, also natives of Sweden. Her father, who had studied art abroad, followed that profession in New York city for many years, and his death occurred in Stamford, Connecticut, in November, 1927. He was a republican and a member of the Episcopal church. His wife, who was born October 30, 1843, died in New York city, February 27, 1921. Mrs. Wright was educated in the public schools of Stamford, Connecticut, Newark, New Jersey, and New York city, and in 1919 organized the present business at Darien, in which she has met with well merited success. During the World war she served as a volunteer clerical worker in the government hospital in New York city. She is a member of the Darien Improvement Association. Mr. Wright is a member of the Stamford Yacht Club, sailing being his favorite form of recreation, and he and his wife are members of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Mrs. Wright being also a member of the Guild. They belong to the Stamford Real Estate Board, the Connecticut State Real Estate Board and the National Real Estate Board, and are held in high regard in the business circles of their locality.

JUDGE WILLIAM EDMOND

Judge William Edmond, in whose memory the magnificent new Edmond Town Hall at Newtown was donated by his great-granddaughter, Miss Mary E. Hawley, was born in Woodbury, Connecticut, on September 28, 1755, son of Robert and Mary (Marks) Edmond. Robert Edmond was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, while his father was born in Scotland. Robert Edmond married Mary Marks in Londonderry and came to America in 1754, landing at Philadelphia, where he remained for



William Edmond

about two years. From that city he made his way to New York and soon afterward removed to Southbury, Connecticut, where he resided several years and then took up his abode in Ridgefield, Connecticut, there passing away at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Judge William Edmond, the second son of Robert Edmond, was graduated from Yale College in 1777. He took part in an engagement with the British in Ridgefield and was severely wounded in the knee on the 27th of April, 1777. In May, 1782, he established himself in Newtown in the practice of the law and there resided until his death, which occurred August 1, 1838. He enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. He belonged to the old federal party and in 1797 was elected a member of congress, serving four years. Subsequently he was repeatedly a member of the council, which then acted as a court of errors, until 1805, when he was appointed a judge of the superior court. This office he retained until the change in politics in 1819. He was a remarkable man, plain and unassuming in his manners, mild and amiable in his deportment, just and honest in his dealings, and honorable and magnanimous in his feelings. He was constant in his attendance on divine service in the Congregational church.

He was twice married, first to Elizabeth J. Chandler, who died in 1795, and second to Elizabeth Payne of Hartford. A daughter of the second union, Sarah, became the wife of Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth and they were parents of the late Mrs. Marcus C. Hawley and grandparents of Miss Mary E. Hawley of Newtown.

CLARENCE WYLLIS PALMER

Clarence W. Palmer, of Stamford, engaged in the real estate business, was born in Stamford on the 3d of March, 1896, a son of Frank Wyllis and Cordelia M. (Whitehead) Palmer. His father was born in Stamford, September 16, 1859, and died in this city, April 11, 1925. He was a son of Charles Scofield and Mary E. (Ferris) Palmer, the former of whom was born near Stamford on July 30, 1827, and died there on March 13, 1904. He devoted the active years of his life to farming pursuits, his

homestead being known as "Westover Farm." The house was erected by his grandfather, Jeremiah Palmer, who was the great-great-grandson of Henry Palmer, the progenitor of the family in this country, believed to have been born in county Somerset, England, about 1600 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, before 1636. After completing his education in the public schools, Frank W. Palmer went to work in woolen mills at Roxbury, where he remained four years, after which he was with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, for five years. He then entered the employ of the late Henry Lockwood and after thirteen years of faithful service he was invited to become a partner in the business. In July, 1897, the firm of Lockwood & Palmer was formed, and in 1914 the business was incorporated under the name of the Lockwood & Palmer Company, of which Mr. Lockwood was president. They were wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, house furnishings and agricultural implements and commanded a large and important trade. Mr. Palmer became vice president and treasurer of the Lockwood & Palmer Company, which positions he held to the time of his death. The business is now located at 92 Park place, and this is one of the leading firms in its line in this section of the county. Mr. Palmer was a member of the First Congregational church, which he had served as deacon and treasurer, and was a member of the building committee that erected the present church edifice. He was a stanch republican and was a man of strong opinions on questions of public policy, while in matters affecting the welfare of the community he always stood for progress and advancement. Cordelia M. (Whitehead) Palmer, who was born in Durham, New York, and now resides in Stamford, is a daughter of Martin L. and Cassandra (Hood) Whitehead. The father was a native of New York state and died at Pound Ridge, that state, where he had been engaged in farming for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, was a member of the Dutch Reformed church, and was an active supporter of the democratic party, particularly in local affairs. His wife, who was born in New York, died in Stamford, Connecticut.

Clarence W. Palmer attended the public schools of Stamford and graduated from Professor King's school in 1914. He then entered New York University, and won the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. At about the time of his graduation he enlisted in

the Red Cross ambulance service in New York city and went direct to France with the Third Unit of the Ambulance Corps of the American Red Cross. He was overseas nine months, during which time he was attached to the British army, and was also in the French and American sectors. He took part in the American drive at Chateau Thiery and in the Argonne offensive and saw much active service. He was honorably discharged in New York city in January, 1919, and at once returned to Stamford, where he was associated with the Lockwood & Palmer Company until his father's death, after which he turned his attention to the real estate business, establishing offices in the Gurley building, at 322 Main street, where he is still located. He possesses a wide and accurate knowledge of property values and is thus in a position to be of material assistance to his clients as an adviser.

On January 19, 1924, in Stamford, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ingell, who was born at Ravenna, Ohio, a daughter of Judge Cheney D. and Isabel (Catlin) Ingell. Her father was born at Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, July 20, 1847, and died at Ravenna, August 7, 1915. He was graduated from the law department of Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1875, and then located at Ravenna, where he engaged in the active practice of his profession for many years. He was a republican and was active in local public affairs, having served as postmaster at Mantua, later as a justice of the peace, and several years as judge of the probate court of Portage county. He attended the Congregational church and was a member of the Masonic order. He was a son of Nelson and Thankful (Leonard) Ingell, the former of whom was born at Chester, Massachusetts, on January 31, 1806, and died at Mantua, Ohio, on January 31, 1875. He was a pioneer farmer at the latter locality, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and influential in local affairs. He was a son of Zadock and Christian (Bell) Ingell, the former of whom originally spelled his name "Ingalls." He was born May 9, 1760, and joined the Revolutionary army from Oakham, Massachusetts. Isabel (Catlin) Ingell was born at Ravenna, Ohio, October 17, 1859, and died in that city, August 15, 1921. She was a daughter of Judge Joshua and Elizabeth (Swineheart) Catlin, of whom the former was born in Burlington, Vermont,

and died at Ravenna, Ohio, in 1899. He was engaged in the fur business, and also served as probate judge of his county. He was a whig in politics and was a member of the Congregational church. His wife was born at Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and died at Ravenna, Ohio, in 1896. Mrs. Palmer graduated from the Ravenna high school in 1913 and attended the State Normal School at Kent, Ohio. She is a member of the Women's Guild, of which she is secretary, the Woman's Club and the Schubert Club. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer became the parents of a daughter, Janice Elizabeth, who was born December 14, 1924, and died January 4, 1925.

Politically Mr. Palmer is nominally a republican, but is inclined to be independent in his voting, particularly in local elections, when he invariably supports the men whom he regards as best qualified for the office. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., at Stamford; Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., at Bridgeport; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Bridgeport; the Sons of the American Revolution and the Stamford Yacht Club. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational church, of which he was assistant treasurer. He has taken a deep interest in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and stands ready at all times to cooperate in movements for the betterment of the city along material, civic or moral lines.

JOHN WOLTHAUSEN

Liberally endowed with those qualities through which success comes as a natural sequence, John Wolthausen has made his own way in the world and is a conspicuous member of that select company of enterprising business men to whom Danbury is indebted for its preeminence in the hat manufacturing industry. A native of Germany, he was born in 1866 and received a public school education. When a youth of fifteen, he left the fatherland and sought the opportunities offered in the United States. He secured work in a fur factory in South Norwalk, Connecticut, spending two years in that plant, and then entered the employ of the Volk Hat Company, with which he remained for several years, discharging the duties of a maker and sizer. In 1895 he came to

Danbury, continuing in the same line of work, and at the end of three years ventured in business for himself as a member of the firm of Wolthausen & Messinger. For two years they utilized the old Taylor factory for making hats in the rough and the business was then moved to Grove street, at which time the style was changed to the Hoyt-Wolthausen Company. Since 1914 Mr. Wolthausen has been an independent operator, conducting the business under the name of The Wolthausen Rough Hat Company, Inc., of which he is the president, and under his expert guidance the industry has steadily expanded. His large and completely equipped factory is located at No. 22 North street and operated on a highly efficient basis. The Wolthausen hats are well made and a constantly increasing demand is evidence of their popularity.

In 1899 Mr. Wolthausen married Miss Theresa Daritz, also a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of five children: Elsie; Edna; Lawrence, who is associated with his father in the hat business; and Gretchen and John, at home. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is the only organization with which Mr. Wolthausen is connected, as his interest centers in the industry which has constituted his life work. His commercial transactions have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honor and he is accorded the respect which the world ever yields to the self-made man and upright, valuable citizen.

MRS. MARY BRADY CULHANE

One of Danbury's most successful enterprises is the extensive insurance and steamship agency of Mrs. Mary B. Culhane, at 181 Main street, which bears the distinction of being the pioneer agency of the kind operated by a woman in this city. She has carried the business on for the past ten years and by her clear headed judgment and sound principles has commanded the respect and patronage of the community. Mrs. Culhane was born and reared in Danbury and is a daughter of John J. and Anna (Melvin) Brady. Her father, a native of Bridgewater, Connecticut, was an able and well known educator, having served for many years as principal of the South Center school. After grad-

uating from high school in 1904, Mrs. Culhane took a complete course in a business college, after which she entered the employ of Arthur G. Krom, for whom she served as confidential clerk until his death, in April, 1918. At that time, because of her familiarity with the business and her belief in its future possibilities, she bought from the estate the insurance and ticket agency business, which he had carried on for nearly twenty years, and she is now conducting it under her own name, with offices in the Hull building. Mrs. Culhane handles life, fire, accident, health and automobile insurance and steamship and tourist tickets. Since taking over the business she has abundantly vindicated the judgment of her many friends who predicted large success for her, because of her experience and her personal qualifications.

WILLIAM LOUNSBURY

As registrar of voters William Lounsbury has long been intimately connected with public activities in Bridgeport and exercises a strong and beneficial influence in local politics. He was born October 16, 1873, in this city. His father, William Lounsbury, Sr., a native of New York state, removed to Connecticut in his youth and became well known in industrial circles of Bridgeport as a manufacturer of fine shoes, operating a factory on Fairfield avenue. He passed away in 1874 but the mother, Mrs. Caroline A. (Youngs) Lounsbury, is still living and has always resided in Connecticut.

William Lounsbury, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Norwalk and in 1889 became connected with the Yost Typewriter Company, at which time he returned to Bridgeport. For about three years he continued with the typewriter company and afterward was in the employ of the Wissner Shoe Company of Bridgeport for a time. Locating in South Norwalk, he was there identified with the retail shoe business for a brief period and next accepted a position in the real estate and insurance office of Prindle & Cole, remaining with the firm for several years. He enlisted in 1898, during the Spanish-American war, becoming sergeant of the Second Company of United States Volunteer Signal Corps, but was mustered out of the service at Jacksonville,

Florida, owing to illness. During the World war he was a member of the Connecticut State Guard and was made captain of Company C of the Fourth Regiment. In January, 1906, he was appointed registrar of voters and has been retained in this office for a period of twenty-two years—an eloquent testimonial to the quality of his service.

Mr. Lounsbury was married July 3, 1900, to Miss Anna L. Farrell, of Niantic, Connecticut, and they have become the parents of a son, William Lounsbury (III), who is connected with the Detroit Edison Company of Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Lounsbury was one of the organizers of the Fifth District Republican Club and from the time of its inception has been one of its leading members. His fraternal connections are with the Royal Arcanum; the Bridgeport Lodge of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler; Mithra Lodge, No. 8, of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past chancellor commander; and Wowompon Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, of which he is a past sachem. He is vice chairman of the United Patriotic Societies Inc., past department commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, and past commander of the United States Veterans Signal Corps Association. Mr. Lounsbury has proven his public spirit and devotion to country in unmistakable terms and measures up to high standards in every relation of life.

HENRY De FABRITIS

One of Danbury's prosperous and growing industries is that of the Lemme Hat Company, of which Henry De Fabritis is the founder and president. He has shown marked ability in the management of the business and is meeting with a commensurate measure of success. He was born in Italy in 1890 and is a son of J. and Anna (Nardon) De Fabritis, also natives of that country.

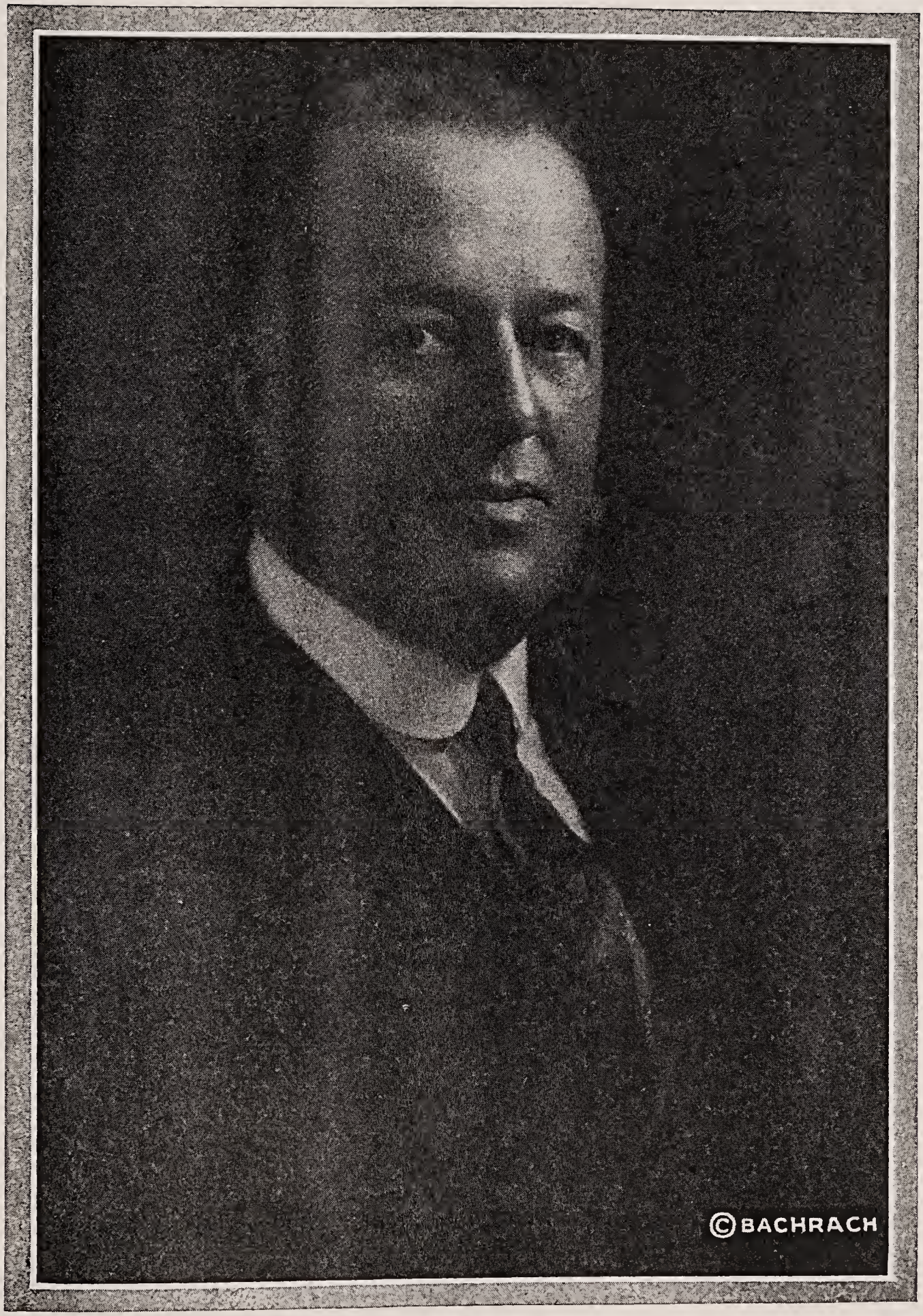
Mr. De Fabritis received his early education in the public schools of his native land and completed his studies in the schools of this country, to which he came in 1902. He went to work as a machinist for the Thomas Edison Company, of Orange, New Jersey, with which he remained for fifteen years, and then came to Danbury, in which city he has resided to the present time. In

1920 he organized the Lemme Hat Company, the officers of which are as follows: Mr. De Fabritis, president and manager; Salvatore Lemme, vice president; Anthony Lemme, treasurer, and Andrew Raysock, secretary. The three last named learned the hat making business in Italy and were employed in that line of work in Orange, New Jersey, prior to coming to Danbury and embarking in their present enterprise. They began business here on a modest scale, manufacturing men's and ladies' hats in the rough, but their business developed so rapidly that they soon outgrew their factory on Grand street and came to their present location on Taylor street, where they are well situated as to space and arrangements, and are doing a thriving business.

Mr. De Fabritis was married in 1916 to Miss Josephine Ruvo, a daughter of A. Ruvo, of Orange, New Jersey, and to this union have been born three children, John, Louis and Anna. Mr. De Fabritis is a member of the Danbury Club and the Sons of Italy. He is greatly interested in the present history of Fairfield county, realizing its value to the coming generations. He is a man of great energy and determination, is devoting himself tirelessly to the interests of his business, and his record since coming here has gained for him a high place in the respect of his fellowmen.

JOHN EUGENE BLACK, M. D.

Dr. John Eugene Black, a worthy native son and representative physician of Fairfield county, has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Shelton since 1911. His birth occurred in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 9th of May, 1880, his parents being Peter Joseph and Carrie E. (Williams) Black. Following the completion of a high school course at Bridgeport in 1900 he attended the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he received the degree of Ph. B. in 1903, and then for one year was a teacher of chemistry in the University of Kentucky at Lexington. Thereafter he entered the medical department of Yale University, from which he received the degree of M. D. in 1908. During the succeeding two years he served as interne in Fordham Hospital of New York and then, in 1911, he became as-



DR. JOHN EUGENE BLACK

sociated with Gould A. Shelton, M. D., at Shelton, Connecticut, where he has continued in practice throughout the intervening years and where he has gained an enviable and well merited reputation as a physician and surgeon of pronounced skill and ability. A large private practice makes heavy demands upon his time and energies. He is an attending surgeon at the Griffin Hospital of Derby. Dr. Black is keenly interested in everything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life and keeps thoroughly informed concerning the latest researches of the profession through his membership in the New Haven City Medical Society, the Bridgeport Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 26th of November, 1912, at Shelton, Connecticut, Dr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Bernice Bissell, daughter of Samuel W. and Eliza A. (Shelton) Bissell. A daughter, Emily Bissell Black, was born June 21, 1914. Mrs. Black died December 3, 1919.

In fraternal circles Dr. Black is well known as a member of the Masonic order, belonging to King Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., of Derby, and Ousatonic Lodge, Excelsior Encampment, and Canton Shelton, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Shelton, the Derby and Shelton Boards of Trade, the Yale Graduates Club of New Haven, the Yale Alumni Association of New Haven, the Shelton Golf Club and the Sons of Veterans. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Shelton Congregational church, of which he is a trustee. He strictly adheres to the high ideals which he has set up for himself in professional service and in personal relations no man more fully deserves the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

JAMES J. DELOHERY

Danbury takes justifiable pride in its native sons, many of whom have become influential factors in the city's commercial life, and in this classification belongs James J. Delohery, a member of one of the old and honored families of this community. He was born in 1887, a son of Michael and Catherine (Keenan)

Delohery, and attended the public schools of Danbury. When his education was completed he entered his father's factory and gradually worked his way through the various departments, mastering the technicalities of the hat manufacturing business, which has constituted his life work. Inheriting his father's business acumen and executive capacity, Mr. Delohery discharges the duties of treasurer of the Delohery Hat Company, and his mother is president of the corporation. She succeeded her husband in that office and is an exceptionally capable business woman as well as a devoted mother. The factory has been in operation at the foot of East Liberty street for twenty-two years and throughout the period of its existence the firm has closely adhered to the ideals of service and quality, thus upholding the high standards of American industry.

In 1910 Mr. Delohery married Miss Rose Connelly, of Danbury, and they now have three children: Marietta, James and Jane. A home-loving man, Mr. Delohery spends his leisure hours with his family and his connection with outside interests is limited to membership in the local lodge of Elks. To all movements destined to prove of benefit to Danbury he is quick to respond, and his moral worth is attested by the enviable place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow citizens, with whom his life has been spent.

HENRY E. BISHOP

Henry E. Bishop, who is generally regarded as Bridgeport's foremost mortician, comes of a family of funeral directors and controls a business which has a record of fifty-six years of successful operation in this city. A native of Woodbury, Connecticut, he was born May 4, 1871, and his father, Edward N. Bishop, was born in that city June 24, 1838, there remaining until July 6, 1886, when he settled in Bridgeport. His brother, William F. Bishop, was born in Woodbury, April 30, 1836, left there in 1872, and on February 16 of that year embarked in the undertaking business at No. 65 State street, in Bridgeport. In February, 1875, he formed a partnership with John Cullinan and organized the firm of Bishop & Cullinan, which existed until October 16,

1882, when the junior member retired. William F. Bishop continued the business under his own name until his demise, when it was purchased by Edward N. Bishop. He changed the style to E. N. Bishop & Son and remained at the head of the business until his death, which occurred November 12, 1901.

Reared in his native town, Henry E. Bishop received a public school education and in March, 1888, came to Bridgeport, being at that time a youth of sixteen. Entering the Bishop funeral home, he progressed through the various departments and soon took an active part in the management of the business, of which he became the sole owner at the time of his father's death, continuing it under his own name. This is the oldest undertaking establishment in Bridgeport, if not in the state, and for more than fifty years a Bishop has been at its head. The needs of its patrons have always been the chief concern of the firm, which has put service first and profits last, knowing that a successful business is built on the basis of mutual benefits. In order to meet the constantly changing conditions of the commercial world Henry E. Bishop has introduced many modern improvements and always has some new plan in the making, keeping well abreast of the times. In 1910 he erected a substantial building, constructed especially for his needs, and in 1912 he motorized his equipment, being the first undertaker in the state to make this change. The institution, which is located at No. 274 Fairfield avenue, is finished in hardwood and equipped to render the utmost in service. It contains a well appointed office and display room, an up-to-date embalming room, and a spacious and beautifully furnished mortuary chapel on the second floor, the first and largest in the city. Elevator service is maintained and in the rear of the building is located the garage, reached by a concrete driveway from Elm street. An assistant is on duty at night and the funeral direction afforded by the house of Bishop at all times is smooth, complete and flawless. For twenty-seven years Henry E. Bishop has controlled the business, constantly increasing its scope. He also has financial interests, being a director of the Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank of this city.

Mr. Bishop was married in Bridgeport in 1901 to Miss Rose Wipper, of New Haven, Connecticut, and they have two children, Edward H. and Harriet R. The son was born in Bridgeport,

May 20, 1906, and attended its public schools. He is an expert embalmer and is associated with his father in the conduct of their funeral establishment, representing the third generation of the family in the business. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree and is secretary of the De Molay Alumni Association. In 1928 he married Miss Dorothy S. Lutz, of Bridgeport, and both are popular in social circles of the city because of their genuine worth. Henry E. Bishop is identified with a number of fraternal organizations and is second vice president of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, to which office he was elected September 19, 1928. His even-paced energy and marked ability have gained for him distinction in his chosen calling, while his admirable traits of character have established him high in public regard.

GEORGE MASSUD

For twenty-five years, or during the entire period of his residence in this country, George Massud has been identified with the hat-making industry, and is now vice president and manager of the Mac Fur Company, of Danbury. Mr. Massud was born in Syria in 1886 and is a son of George and Gerta (Haddad) Nichols, who also were natives of that country. He attended the public schools of his native land, where he lived until 1903, when, at the age of seventeen years, he came to the United States. Locating in Fall River, Massachusetts, he entered the employ of the Marshall Fur Company, with which he remained two years, and then came to Danbury and was with the American Hatters for eight years. During the following eleven years he was with Charles Peck, after which he became associated with George MacLachlan in the fur business in Bethel, Connecticut. Later he was with the McKenna Fur Company, on Chestnut street, Danbury, and during the past two years has been vice president and manager of the Mac Fur Company, owned by George MacLachlan, on White street, and which is engaged in the making of hatters' fur.

In 1909, in New York state, Mr. Massud was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hannon, of Danbury, and to them have been born four children, namely: Amel, who is associated with his

father in business; Fred, Ferris and Holland, who are attending the public schools. Mr. Massud has never had cause to regret his coming to this country, for he has found congenial occupation, financial success and many warm friends, and throughout the range of his acquaintance he is held in high regard for his many excellent qualities of character and his loyal and upright citizenship.

DANIEL F. HOGAN

Daniel F. Hogan, who for nearly twenty years has been engaged in the real estate and mortgage business in Stamford, has lived here from boyhood and enjoys an enviable reputation for his sound judgment and unimpeachable integrity, because of which he commands an extensive and substantial business. Mr. Hogan was born in Troy, New York, on the 17th of February, 1876, and is a son of Thomas and Mariah (Huston) Hogan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and died in Stamford. Mr. Hogan was a carpenter and builder, was a man of sterling character and was respected by all who knew him. He was an adherent of the Roman Catholic church and maintained an independent attitude in politics.

Daniel F. Hogan received his educational training in the public schools of Stamford and then entered the employ of the St. John Woodworking Company of Stamford. Eventually he became superintendent for that concern, with which he remained until 1910, when he resigned in order to engage in the real estate, mortgage and building business. During the years he has enjoyed a very gratifying business and is regarded as one of the leading men in his line in this section of the county. He is also a director of the Pinehurst Realty Corporation of Stamford.

On June 5, 1898, in Stamford, Mr. Hogan was united in marriage to Miss Julia Findley, who was born in 1876 and was educated in the Stamford public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Hogan have been born four children: Helen, deceased; Francis; Lawrence D., who is associated with his father in business; and Dorothy M. Mr. Hogan gives his political support to the democratic party and has been active in local affairs, having served

as chairman of the city committee in 1920. He served two terms as a member of the common council and is at the present time a member of the zoning commission. He was one of the organizers and is still a member of the Stamford Real Estate Board. During the World war he did effective work in connection with the shipping board at Wilson Point and in other ways contributed to the success of the various local war measures. He and his wife are earnest members of St. John's Roman Catholic church and they stand consistently for everything which is calculated to advance the civic and moral welfare of the community in which they live. Mr. Hogan is a man of great energy and enterprise, has shown a progressive spirit in all of his affairs and commands the respect and confidence of all who have dealt with him.

MONSOUR MICHAEL

Monsour Michael, president of the Felting Fur Company, is one of the foreign born residents of Danbury who have not only attained financial success and independence here, but have also proven loyal and public-spirited citizens of their adopted country, commanding the genuine respect of their fellowmen. Mr. Michael was born in Mt. Lebanon, Syria, and is a son of McKail and Hannah Moran. He was reared and educated in his native land and in 1905 he and his brother Moses came to the United States. They remained here five years, when they returned to their native land for one year, during which time Mr. Michael was married. He then came back to this country, with his wife and his brother Moses, arriving in Danbury January 1, 1912. For several years Mr. Michael was in the employ of Parks & Peck (the American Hatters), and then, tiring of that business, he engaged in the grocery business. However, he decided that his best outlook for advancement was in the hat industry and he turned his attention to the blown fur business. During the ensuing years he became familiar with the various phases of the business, and in 1922 started out independently, under the name of the Felting Fur Company, establishing a factory at 18 Sheridan street, Danbury, where he is engaged in the manufacture of hatters' fur, blowing and cutting. He is devoting his attention closely to his business,

which is steadily increasing under his careful management and persistent industry.

Mr. Michael was united in marriage to Miss Kazrian Haddad, a native of Syria, and they are the parents of eight children, Thomas, Nichols, Janet, Hannah, Melbina, Eddie, Linda and Jarnill, all of whom are at home except Jarnill, who is now in Syria. Mr. Michael is a member of the Syria-American Club of Danbury, is a popular member of the circles in which he moves and is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

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ROBERT P. HENDERSON

Among the modern, well conducted mercantile institutions of which Danbury is justly proud is the department store of the Genung-McLean Company, with which Robert P. Henderson has been connected from boyhood, rising from a lowly position to one of power and influence. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1880 and is a son of Robert and Grace (McLean) Henderson. His father is still a resident of that city and acts as superintendent of the gas company.

Robert P. Henderson attended the public schools of Hartford and Danbury and at the age of thirteen began to provide for his own livelihood, becoming an errand boy in the store of McLean Brothers, now the Genung-McLean Company. This position did not interfere with his studies, as he worked on Saturdays and after school, thus obtaining his first knowledge of commercial affairs. He proved capable, conscientious and trustworthy and was steadily promoted, passing through the various departments. Mr. Henderson has been with the house for thirty-five years and is now secretary and treasurer of the company and one of its most efficient officers. McLean Brothers started in business in Danbury in 1869 and operated under that style until the Genung family acquired control of the concern, when the name was changed to the Genung-McLean Company. Its president, Merwin E. Genung, died at Mount Vernon, New York, in March, 1927, and Mr. McArdle, another member of the firm, passed away at Mamaroneck, New York, in March, 1928. The store first stood on the present site of the Empress Theater and the next home of

the business was where the beautiful Martha apartments are now situated. From there it was moved to the point occupied today by Heim's Music Store, and at that location the business was conducted until 1924, when the firm erected a building at No. 215 Main street. It was designed expressly for their needs and is Danbury's largest and finest department store. The establishment is characterized by an air of distinction in personal service as well as in merchandise. The firm has a branch in Mount Vernon, conducted by the Genung-McArdle Company, and also operates three other stores, located in White Plains, Mamaroneck and Bronxville, New York. The Genung-McLean Company has always endeavored to give to its patrons the utmost in service and the extent and importance of the business proves that the corporation has succeeded in this laudable purpose.

In 1911 Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Florence Martin and both are prominent in social affairs of Danbury. Mr. Henderson is a Mason and closely follows the beneficent teachings of the order. Genial and companionable by nature, he readily wins friends and is highly esteemed in the city in which practically his entire life has been passed. In the steps of an orderly progression he has reached a field of broad influence and usefulness, proving what may be accomplished by energy, determination and perseverance, and has worthily earned the distinctive title of "a self-made man."

CYRENIUS H. BOOTH, M. D.

Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth was born in Newtown, Connecticut, May 25, 1797, a son of Philo and Aurelia (Hard) Booth, his father being a prosperous and substantial farmer of that place. Dr. Booth studied medicine with Dr. Bennett Perry of Newtown and before commencing to practice attended a long course of medical lectures delivered by the celebrated Dr. Mott of New York, who stood at the head of his profession on this continent. Dr. Booth located at Newtown and resided in the house now occupied by his granddaughter, Miss Mary E. Hawley. From Newtown he extended his practice over the surrounding country and into neighboring towns. His practice became one of the largest

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in the region and he gained a reputation as a most successful physician. He continued in the active work of his profession for more than a half century, retiring only a few years prior to his death, which occurred September 29, 1871.

Dr. Booth was often asked to accept public office but he steadfastly declined all offers of political preferment, devoting his entire attention to his professional duties. He was a man of unusual personality, quickly made friends and retained them, and his broad and tolerant outlook, cheerful disposition and deep sympathy won for him the love and esteem of his fellowmen. He held membership in Trinity Episcopal church.

In October, 1820, Dr. Booth was married to Sarah Edmond, daughter of Judge William and Elizabeth (Payne) Edmond. Mrs. Booth was born June 24, 1800, and died January 21, 1864. Their three children were William E., Mary E., and Sarah A. Of these, William E. was a physician and resided at Danbury, Connecticut, where he died unmarried. Mary E. became the wife of Henry Sanford and resided at Newtown, where she passed away. She was the mother of two daughters: Miss Annie E. Sanford, a resident of Newtown; and Sarah E., who became the wife of Robert H. Beers and died in Newtown in June, 1928, leaving two sons, Henry S., of Westport, and Robert E., of Waterbury. Sarah A., the youngest of the children of Dr. Booth, married Marcus C. Hawley and died in Newtown. She was the mother of four children, three of whom died in early life, the only surviving member of her family being Miss Mary E. Hawley of Newtown.

MICHAEL DELOHERY

Michael Delohery had the advantage of an early start in the hat industry, in which he was notably successful, possessing a self-reliant nature and a capacity for sustained effort, combined with a spirit of enterprise which spurs the individual ever onward and upward and makes him a power in his chosen field of endeavor. He was one of Danbury's foremost hat manufacturers and enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. A native of Ireland, he was a son of James and Bridget (Gorman) Delohery and came to the United States when

a youth of fourteen. Locating in Danbury, he obtained work in a factory and there learned the trade of hat making. He was considered an exceptionally fine workman and was regarded as the best hand dyer in the industry. In 1888 he began the manufacture of ladies' hats at Bethel under the name of M. Delohery and prospered from the start. Owing to the rapid growth of the industry he found it necessary to secure larger quarters and in 1891 returned to Danbury, opening a factory on State street. There the business was conducted until 1911, when it was moved to the present location at the foot of East Liberty street. In 1920 he added a fur-cutting department, using part of his factory for that purpose, and later this was incorporated with the hat manufacturing business under the style of the Delohery Hat Company, which is still retained. Owing to his ripe experience and expert management the industry constantly expanded and he remained at its head until his death, April 15, 1926. He always had the best interests of his employes at heart and his fatherly advice was often sought by the men in his service, while his commercial integrity and reputation for fair dealing won for him friends throughout the hat manufacturing industry.

Mr. Delohery was married April 22, 1882, in Newtown, Connecticut, to Miss Catherine Keenan and is survived by his widow and six children: James J., Michael F. and Agnes Delohery, all residents of Danbury; Mrs. John C. Freeland, also of Danbury; Mrs. J. Frank Doolan, of New Haven; and Dr. C. Leo Delohery, of Philadelphia. He also left one sister, Miss Bridget Delohery, who lives in Danbury.

Mr. Delohery had few interests outside his family and his business. Studious by nature, he spent many profitable and enjoyable hours in his library, which is considered one of the finest and most extensive in the city. He was a member of the Danbury and National Hat Manufacturers Associations and of Division No. 1, A. O. H. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic and his affiliation was with St. Peter's church, in which a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated on the morning of his burial. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Danbury, there being nearly one hundred automobiles in the procession. The esteem and affection in which Mr. Delohery was held were attested by the wealth of beautiful floral offerings which were

sent to his home. In all there were nearly three hundred separate pieces, a large automobile truck and three open cars being used to convey them from the house to the cemetery. Among the flowers were pieces ordered by business friends in Australia, London, England, and in Paris, France. Interment was in the family plot in St. Peter's Catholic cemetery, where committal services were conducted by Rev. M. J. O'Connor, P. R., rector of the church, assisted by Fathers Finn, Culhane, Branigan, Barry, Kennedy, Daly and Shea. The life of Michael Delohery was long, useful and upright, terminating at the age of seventy-one years. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, which was finely matured and altogether admirable. Starting with nothing, he attained the goal of his ambition by hard work and the wise use of the talents with which nature endowed him and well merited the honorable and distinctive title of "self-made man."

JAMES G. DURKIN

The Danbury Troy Laundry, of which James G. Durkin is secretary and treasurer, has long commanded the patronage of the representative people of the community because of the uniformly superior quality of its work. Mr. Durkin was born in Danbury in 1886 and is a son of Miles and Jane (Notley) Durkin, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father is now deceased.

Mr. Durkin attended the public schools of his home city to the age of thirteen years, when he entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company. After six years in that service, he went to work for the Frank Lee Hat Company, with which he remained for about ten years, and in 1911 he became connected with the Danbury Troy Laundry, with which he is still identified, being now its secretary and treasurer. He has never been afraid of hard work and has devoted himself tirelessly to the interests of this business, which has grown to enormous proportions. The words "Troy Laundry" have long stood for good service and the people of Danbury, by liberal patronage, have given tangible evidence of their satisfaction with the type of service rendered by this concern.

In 1912 Mr. Durkin was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Lynch, of Danbury, and they have four children, Robert, Charles, James and Mary. Mr. Durkin is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Danbury Club. He is a man of forceful personality, courteous and friendly in manner, and throughout the city where he has spent his life commands the highest measure of confidence and respect.

JOHN J. FITZGERALD

John J. FitzGerald, a veteran of the World war, has made his commercial opportunities count for the utmost and although young in years he is well established in public regard as one of Danbury's leading decorators and prominent business men. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1894, and is a son of William J. and Margaret (Ennis) FitzGerald, who still reside in that city. The father was engaged in the painting business for many years and is now retired.

The public schools of his native city afforded John J. FitzGerald his educational advantages and his knowledge of the painter's trade was acquired under his father, from whom he received thorough instruction. For a time he was engaged in that line of work and then accepted a position in the general offices of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad Company, with which he spent three years. On the expiration of that period he resumed the work of his trade, which he followed in Brooklyn until 1917. He then entered the service of his country and went to France as a private in the First Division of the United States Army. For twenty-six months he was stationed abroad and participated in a number of notable battles while at the front. Merit won him promotion to the rank of first lieutenant and in September, 1919, he was honorably discharged. For four years thereafter he was an accountant for the Keystone Instant Food Company and then formed a partnership with A. L. Martin, with whom he has since been associated in the painting, decorating and heating business. Their offices at No. 29 Crosby street, Danbury, were opened in 1925 and in the intervening period they have built up a profitable business by fair dealing, good management and high class work.

In 1922 Mr. FitzGerald was married in Danbury to Miss Anna Rohde, a daughter of Frank C. Rohde, a well known hatter, and Anna (Ziegler) Rohde. Mr. and Mrs. FitzGerald have become the parents of two sons, William E. and John R. Mr. FitzGerald is identified with the American Legion, the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. By nature he is modest, frank and unassuming and possesses those qualities which inspire strong and enduring regard.

WILLIAM JOHN PROVOOST

One of Fairfield county's ablest and best known architects is William J. Provoost, of the firm of Butler & Provoost, of Stamford. Years of practical training and experience, combined with an artistic taste, have rendered him more than ordinarily efficient in his profession and his firm is enjoying well merited success. Mr. Provoost was born in Port Chester, Westchester county, New York, on the 18th of July, 1893, and is a son of John William and Agnes Jane (Hutchinson) Provoost. His paternal grandparents were John W., Sr., and Mary P. (Marsh) Provoost. The former, who was born in Buffalo, New York, and died in New York city, was a capitalist and an artist. He supported the republican party and was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He was a close relative to Bishop Samuel Provoost, who bore the dual distinction of being the first Protestant Episcopal clergyman in New York state and the first chaplain of congress. Mary P. (Marsh) Provoost was a native of and died in Port Chester. John William Provoost, also a capitalist, was born in Port Chester, New York, and died in Stamford, Connecticut, February 27, 1919. He was a man of strong character and marked ability and was held in high regard by all who knew him. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife, who was born in New York city, June 26, 1861, and is now living in Rowayton, Connecticut, is a daughter of William and Charlotte (Brinnicome) Hutchinson. Her father, who was born in New York city and died in Port Chester, New York, was long the proprietor of the DeSoto house in Rye, New York, and was the first constable of the town. He

was a member of the Episcopal church and voted the republican ticket. His wife was a native of England and died in Port Chester, New York.

William J. Provoost attended the public schools of Port Chester, graduating from high school, and attended evening sessions at Columbia University. He was associated with various architects in New York city for fourteen years and in 1919 he came to Stamford and formed a partnership with W. E. Butler, under the firm name of Butler & Provoost. They have a well equipped office at 33 Atlantic street and have done a large volume of business throughout this section of the county, enjoying a high reputation as capable and dependable architects.

On September 16, 1914, in Branchville, Connecticut, Mr. Provoost was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Carlson, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 13, 1894, and is a daughter of Augusta Carlson, who is a native of Sweden and is now engaged in farming near Branchville. Mrs. Provoost, who was educated in the public schools of Branchville, is an active member of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Provoost are the parents of two children, Muriel Jane, born July 4, 1917, and William John, born August 6, 1921. Mr. Provoost is a republican in his political affiliation, and is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Greenwich, and Puritan Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., at Stamford, and also belongs to the Kiwanis Club. During the World war he was a member of the Connecticut State Guard. He is candid and straightforward in manner, consistent in his support of those things which tend to promote the public welfare, and his upright character has gained for him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

OSCAR B. BERTILSON

Bridgeport offers many opportunities for advancement to the young man of ability, energy and determination, and, liberally endowed with these requisites, Oscar B. Bertilson has registered achievement, becoming well known through his activities in connection with the plumbing business. He was born February 20,

1892, in this city, a son of Berger and Erika (Noren) Bertilson, who were natives of Hamstadt, Sweden. The father was educated in that city and came to America when a young man of twenty-one, locating in Bridgeport. Here he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to the plumbing business, and prosperity attended his well directed efforts. He was deeply attached to the city of his adoption and manifested his public spirit by effective service as an alderman. His political support was given to the republican party, and in religious faith he was a Lutheran. Death called him in 1919, when he was fifty-nine years of age. His widow still resides in Bridgeport.

Oscar B. Bertilson received a public school education, and his first knowledge of plumbing was gained in his father's shop. He also attended plumbing schools in Bridgeport and New York city and thoroughly equipped himself for the occupation of his choice. In 1910 he organized The Oscar B. Bertilson Company, Inc., of which he has since been president and treasurer, and he now employs fourteen men, all of whom are experienced and capable. His shop is located at No. 3008 Fairfield avenue and ranks with the largest and best equipped in the city. He has installed the plumbing in many of Bridgeport's fine buildings, and his firm is noted for high grade work.

Mr. Bertilson was married September 12, 1913, in Bridgeport to Miss Grace C. Hinkly, a native of Maine and a daughter of Mrs. Bertha Hinkly of this city. Mrs. Bertilson received her early instruction in the Pine Tree state and completed her studies in the public schools of Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. Bertilson have a family of four children: Florence E., who was born in 1916; Ellen, born in 1919; Oscar B. Jr., born in 1921; and Leonard, born in 1924.

The parents are affiliated with the Lutheran church, and Mr. Bertilson casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. During the World war he furthered the success of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns in Bridgeport and has been active in the community chest drives and other civic projects, manifesting an unselfish devotion to the general welfare. Along fraternal lines he is identified with the local camp of the Foresters of America and Corinthian Lodge, No. 104, of the Masonic order. He is a past president of the Grotto Club, a member of the Lions Club, the Singing Society of Nordon, the Master Plumbers Asso-

ciation of America, and treasurer of the Black Rock Business Men's Association. Mr. Bertilson has accomplished much for one of his years, and his genuine worth is attested by Bridgeport's citizens, who have known him from boyhood.

OTTO FERDINAND BURGHART

Profiting by the many opportunities which Bridgeport offers to the young man of energy, determination and enterprise, Otto Ferdinand Burghart has made rapid progress toward the goal of success and is now at the head of a large contracting business, in which connection he is intimately associated with building operations in the city. He was born in Bridgeport, March 2, 1892, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Goetz) Burghart, natives of Germany. The father was born in Bavaria, September 4, 1860, and the mother was born in Wurtemberg, November 21, 1866. They came to the United States in youth and established their home in Bridgeport, where they still reside. Jacob Burghart entered the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Company and was made an inspector of their sewing machines. He filled the position for forty years, rendering valuable service to the corporation, and is now retired. He is an earnest, helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political support to the republican party.

Otto F. Burghart was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport and began his commercial career as a clerk in the office of the Singer Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years. Afterward he served an apprenticeship as a carpenter with The Schwarz Brothers Company, later becoming a foreman for that firm. In 1916 he formed a partnership with Frederick Evers under the firm name of Evers & Burghart, which was discontinued when he left in January, 1918, to enter the United States navy. He was sent to France as a second class carpenter's mate, was in the service of his country for eighteen months, becoming chief carpenter's mate, and in July, 1918, was honorably discharged at Norfolk, Virginia. On returning to Bridgeport he began contracting independently and is now a recognized leader in this field of activity. He specializes in fine

OTTO F. BURGHART

residences and built the Fairfield homes of Bradford G. Warner and Charles H. Munson, as well as a number of residences in Bridgeport. In addition he erected the new home of the Pequot Yacht Club, several storage warehouses and other buildings used for commercial purposes. His work shows the skill of a master craftsman and has constituted an important factor in the architectural adornment of Bridgeport and other cities of the state. He is also a sagacious, farsighted business man, whose ability and honesty are well known.

In June, 1924, Mr. Burghart was married in Bridgeport to Miss Myrtle Isabella Borstelman, a native of the city and a daughter of John Henry and Anna (Schmidt) Borstelman. Mr. and Mrs. Burghart have one child, Theodore Robert, who was born October 5, 1926. The parents are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Burghart is a trustee, and his political support is given to the republican party. His Masonic affiliations are with Ashlar Lodge, No. 124, F. & A. M., of which he is master; Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in which he is chief rabban; and the Mosque, of which he is a director. He is also a member of the Bridgeport Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the Chamber of Commerce, the Algonquin Club, and the Kiwanis Club of this city, the Greenfield Hills Country Club and the Poobatuck Yacht Club of Stratford. By means of outdoor sports Mr. Burghart maintains his physical well being and mental alertness and particularly enjoys hunting and fishing trips. Genial, sincere and kind-hearted, he readily wins friends and is highly esteemed in the city in which his life has been spent.

JESSE MERRITT HAYES

During the past third of a century Jesse Merritt Hayes has gradually expanded his interests as president of the Hayes Fish Market Company, one of Bridgeport's progressive and reliable business enterprises. While conducting business at Bridgeport, he has made his home in Fairfield since 1900 and his residence is one of the historic buildings of this section, being one of six houses which were left standing by the British. It is said to have been built in 1765 and is a most attractive old colonial home.

Jesse M. Hayes was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, March 3, 1864, his parents being William and Eliza (Coan) Hayes, natives of Brookfield and of Woodbury, Connecticut, respectively, both families tracing their ancestry back to the Mayflower Pilgrims. Jesse M. Hayes was reared in his native city and entered upon an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade. He left his position when drawing a salary of twenty-one dollars per week and began driving a delivery wagon for his brother in order to be out-of-doors. Practically from that time to the present the two brothers have been continuously and closely connected in their business affairs. The Hayes Fish Market Company was incorporated in 1895 and Jesse M. Hayes has remained at its head throughout the intervening period of thirty-three years, during which the company has conducted the largest retail fish business of any firm in Bridgeport. Their sales reach a large figure annually and the business methods of the house, the enterprise of the partners and their unfaltering industry have been the salient features in their growing prosperity. Referring to the business, one of the local papers said: "Jesse M. Hayes, proprietor, is one of Bridgeport's most energetic business executives and the success of the Hayes Fish Company under his personal supervision is due to a great extent to the care and attention which he gives to the details of the business. In addition to the finest quality of fresh fish, the company carries a line of fancy and domestic groceries with daily shipments of fresh fruit and vegetables, the best the market affords in their line. The company also conducts one of the nicest meat markets in these parts where one may always rest assured of obtaining the choicest cuts of meat. The Hayes Fish Market Company is located at 202 Fairfield avenue, just east of Broad street, and is justly regarded as a concern whose products are always to be depended upon. Mr. Hayes has a large personnel which he himself has trained and which is recognized by his patrons as thoroughly efficient and most accommodating."

On the 30th of May, 1887, Jesse M. Hayes was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Mitchell, youngest daughter of Robert Henry and Elizabeth G. Mitchell, of Jersey City, New Jersey. They are the parents of a son and a daughter, namely: Clarence M., who is in his father's employ, married Florence Leger and

has two sons, Jesse Merritt (II), born August 11, 1916, and Robert L., born November 13, 1919; Helen Louise is the wife of John Buckingham, of Southport, Connecticut.

Jesse M. Hayes exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is widely recognized as an enterprising, progressive and public-spirited citizen. In fraternal circles he is known as both a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and as a charter member of the Red Men. He has always resided within the borders of Fairfield county and has an extensive circle of warm friends here.

WILLIAM J. GRUBER

Throughout his commercial career William J. Gruber has been an earnest, conscientious worker, and in the steps of an orderly progression he has risen to a place of prominence in automobile circles of Bridgeport, becoming one of the executives of the F. L. Mills Company. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, July 14, 1893, a son of John D. and Grace (Cencia) Gruber, who were natives of Germany. When a young man the father served in the German army and afterward came to the United States, locating in the east. He was a blacksmith and followed his trade in New Haven and Bridgeport. In the latter city he united with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. His political support was given to the republican party. His demise occurred in Bridgeport in 1914, and his wife passed away in 1907.

In the acquirement of an education William J. Gruber attended the public schools of New Haven and completed his studies in Bridgeport. He was a clerk in the grocery store of J. Swanson & Company of this city for a year and then entered the employ of the F. L. Mills Company, automobile dealers. Starting as a mechanic, he was made a demonstrator soon afterward and was next advanced to the position of salesman. Later he was placed in charge of the sales department and since 1921 has been vice president of the company and assistant to Mr. Mills, thus becoming an important factor in the conduct of the business, which is located at No. 2316 Fairfield avenue. He is an expert automobile mechanic and salesman as well as a forceful

executive, and his efforts in behalf of the firm have been productive of gratifying results.

Mr. Gruber was married April 7, 1916, in Bridgeport, to Miss Anna S. Hansen, who was born July 18, 1900, in this city, in which she received her education. Her father is deceased but her mother, Mrs. Lena Hansen, still resides in Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. Gruber are the parents of a son, William Clifford, who was born September 7, 1917, and is a public school pupil.

Mr. Gruber is a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, and his wife is a soprano soloist in the choir of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, of which she is a member. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has served on the board of governors of the Elks Club for three years. He is also a member of the Bridgeport Fish & Game Club and the Cedar Rod & Gun Club of Huntington, greatly enjoying the sports of hunting and fishing. Mr. Gruber casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and heartily cooperates in movements for Bridgeport's growth and betterment. His progress has been commensurate with his industry and ability, and his genuine worth is attested by all who know him.

JOHN W. STOLLE

One of the most important industries of Fairfield county is the Danbury Unbreakable Tool Corporation, a concern which has attained not only notable success in a business way, but has also attracted wide attention because of the fact that it provides the solution for a difficulty that has long been considered insurmountable, namely, the drilling or boring of a hole lengthwise through a piece of hard wood of considerable length. The problem was solved by John W. Stolle, president of the Danbury Unbreakable Tool Corporation, and the company has for several years been offering the drill and process to the woodworking world. In 1921 Mr. Stolle invented and secured a patent on a reinforced cant hook, which required a hole three-eighths of an inch in diameter, bored centrally through a rock maple handle fifty-four inches long. After struggling with the boring problem three years, dur-

ing which period he was assured by the best engineers in the country that there was no such thing as a drill capable of doing the work, except by an occasional chance in which the grain happened to favor the drill, he finally mastered the problem, organized a company and took out patents on the new drill and process, and the Stolle deep hole wood drill is now being used with eminent satisfaction by a number of firms, who are loud in their expressions of praise. One of the company's customers states that he bored over one hundred thousand eight-inch rock maple dowels without breaking or sharpening the drill. An Ohio client has been boring typewriter rolls continuously for many months and is still using the original drill, while a concern in Tennessee is boring holes twenty-four inches deep, one-fourth inch diameter, in hickory dowels. Wooden machine rolls sixty-six inches long can be drilled from both ends, the holes meeting with substantial accuracy in every case. In operation, the drill, which reciprocates horizontally, but does not rotate, is passed through a bell-mouthed guide bushing in which the work spins at high speed, being driven by a self-centering chuck. As the drill advances into the wood, the chips are continuously blown out of the hole being formed, by means of compressed air, which keeps the hole clean and prevents the heating of the drill. The machines are entirely automatic. The operator simply lays the article to be bored in a cradle between the self-centering chuck and bell-mouthed work support, when the reverse stroke of the screw driven drill carriage retracts the work support, allowing the operator to take out the piece just bored and insert another. When the article to be bored is long and the desired hole comparatively slender, it is recommended that the drill be allowed to pass half way through the blank and then the ends of the blank be reversed for the finishing operation. However, articles up to six inches in length, or even longer, requiring a hole five thirty-seconds inch up to three-eighths inch in diameter, may be centrally bored all the way through from one end at a speed of from sixty to one hundred and twenty inches a minute. The company makes both single drill automatic machines and multiple drill semi-automatic machines. As evidence of the satisfactory character of the work done by these machines, the following extracts are from a letter to the company from one of its clients: "We feel that our boring machine is working as nearly perfect as it is possible for any

machine to work. We had to cut the speed from eighteen hundred revolutions a minute as you advised to thirteen hundred a minute owing to our boring off center and the impossibility of getting a perfect balance on sticks of different weight. Notwithstanding this handicap, and the fact that we were all inexperienced and had only your instructions to set it up by, we bored our first lot of about twenty-five hundred pieces of yellow birch without missing a single one. We have since been equally successful in boring white oak. On all our work since, it has given complete satisfaction. Its speed and accuracy is certainly marvelous. It may interest you to know that before getting your machine we took our boring problem to four of the largest auger and bit manufacturers of the country. They told us frankly that they could do nothing for us. They reported nothing that would help us in the least, and appeared very doubtful if we found anything to do it. We are very proud of having the first of these machines you put out."

Mr. Stolle was born in Danbury in 1884 and is a son of Carl R. and Charlotte W. (Shroeder) Stolle, both of whom were natives of Germany. He received his education in the public schools, after which he made a trip through the western lumber camps and those of Alaska. On his return he went into the Maine woods for his health, and it was while there that the idea of the deep hole wood drill came to him. He worked for years in the development of the idea and finally took his device to Washington, where he was told it was impossible; but in 1921 he was successful in securing his patent. He takes a justifiable pride in his accomplishment, for it has been directly beneficial to industry and has marked a considerable step forward in the woodworking business. In January, 1923, the Danbury Unbreakable Tool Corporation was incorporated, with the following officers: John W. Stolle, president; W. E. Mallory, treasurer; and S. B. Romans, secretary. The offices and factory were first located at 2 Balmforth street, but in 1925 came to their present larger quarters at 19 Bridge street, where they have a well equipped plant and are enjoying a steadily increasing business.

In 1909, in Danbury, Mr. Stolle was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Ruth Elwell, a daughter of Daniel Webster and Ida (Sherwood) Elwell, the former a prominent contractor and an active Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Stolle are the parents of two chil-

dren, Mabel Ruth and John W., Jr. Mr. Stolle is a man of strong character and sterling integrity, possesses a pleasing personality and is held in high esteem. He has shown a deep interest in the welfare of his community and is regarded as one of its representative citizens.

EDWIN FAIRFAX LUDLOW

Edwin Fairfax Ludlow, publisher of the Stratford News at Stratford, Connecticut, and thus a well known representative of journalistic interests in this state, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 8, 1891, his parents being Edwin Wilson and Montana (Stone) Ludlow. He pursued his education in the public schools of Urbana, Ohio, until he had completed the work of the various grades and of the junior year in high school. Following this he spent a brief time in connection with a local paper and then went to Daytona, Florida, where he occupied a position on the reportorial staff of the Daytona Daily News and Gazette News. In 1910 he became a ticket seller for the Barnum & Bailey shows and in this connection visited Bridgeport, Connecticut. He remained with the Barnum interests until 1916, when he entered the employ of the Hawthorne Auto Light Company, with which he was associated until after the United States entered the World war. He then enlisted as a member of Company M, Three Hundred and Thirteenth Infantry of the Seventy-ninth Division, with which he went to France in 1918 upon an early trip of the Leviathan under her new name. He was wounded in the hotly contested drive through the Argonne forest on the 26th of September.

Following the close of hostilities Mr. Ludlow returned to his native country and again entered the employ of the Hawthorne Company, with which he continued until the firm liquidated. He then returned to his original line of business activity, being connected with the reportorial staff of the Bridgeport Times for two years, and was then with the Bridgeport Herald until September 1, 1928. At that time he established the Stratford News, a weekly paper which he now publishes and which is non-partisan in politics. It is devoted to the public welfare and the dissemination of general news and Mr. Ludlow's previous experience well quali-

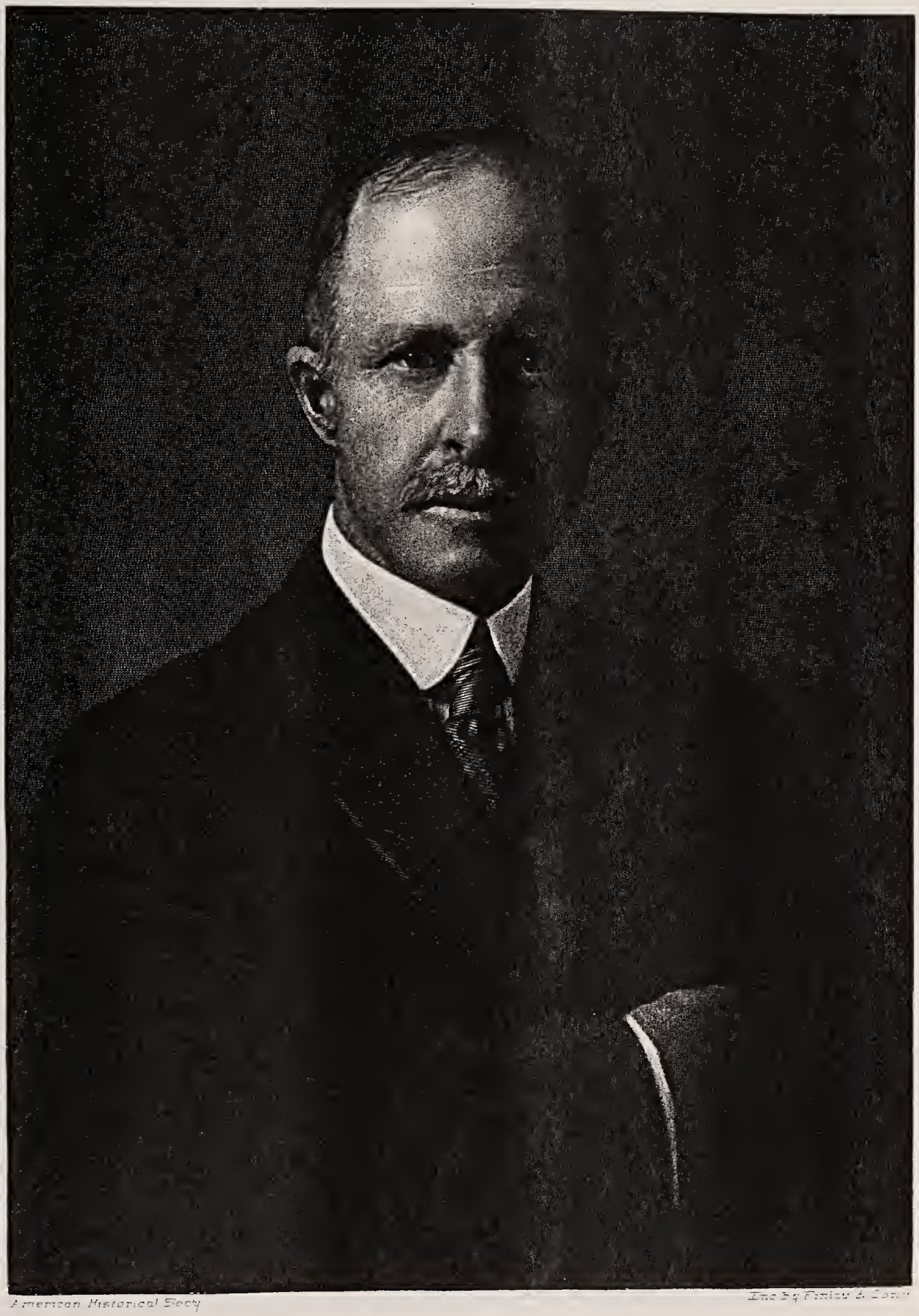
fies him to make the Stratford News a desirable visitor in the homes of the community.

On the 16th of May, 1918, in Meriden, Connecticut, Mr. Ludlow was married to Miss Mildred Illingworth, and they have two sons, John Illingworth and Fairfax Lee. They are well known socially in Stratford. While Mr. Ludlow is not a partisan of any political party, he is always interested in the welfare and progress of his community and for two terms represented the eighth district as councilman. His influence is always given on the side of progress and improvement and he works diligently to promote the general good.

THOMAS ATWOOD KIRKHAM

Thomas A. Kirkham, president and treasurer of The Berkshire Chemical Company of Bridgeport, enjoys the distinction of being the founder and head of one of the leading industries of its kind in New England. He also has other varied and important business interests, being a director of a number of corporations in Bridgeport and elsewhere.

Mr. Kirkham in both paternal and maternal lines is descended from early New England ancestry, his lineage being traced to the first settlers of Connecticut. Thomas Kirkham, the progenitor of this branch of the family in America, was of record in Wethersfield, Connecticut, soon after the first settlement there in 1635. From that time the Kirkham family has figured prominently in military, financial, industrial and professional affairs of Connecticut and the nation. The family has been identified with Wethersfield and with Newington, which was the western part of Wethersfield until it became a separate town in 1870, in an unbroken line since the first settlement until the death of Hon. John S. Kirkham, the father of Thomas A., in 1918. The home farm is still in possession of the family. Henry Kirkham, of the fourth generation in this direct line, was a soldier under General Gates and was present at Burgoyne's surrender. His son, John Kirkham, also in the direct line, enlisted in the Continental army when a youth of sixteen and was a fifer. During the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, he was stationed in a tree and was shot



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Thomas A. Kirkham

in the leg while fifing to his comrades in arms, this wound ultimately resulting in his death. William Kirkham, a son of John Kirkham, was born in Newington and taught school in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut. At one time he engaged in the manufacture of cloth, also operated a cider, cider vinegar and cider brandy mill. He was a fifer in the Governor's Foot Guard for many years, and a member of the Congregational church. He married Sophia Leffingwell and they were the parents of John Stoddard Kirkham, who was born April 6, 1826, at Newington, and was educated in Newington Academy and in schools of Hartford and Springfield, Massachusetts. He was a "Forty-niner" and remained in California for two years. Returning to Newington, he followed farming and also taught school for a number of years. He was a leader in public affairs in his locality and played a prominent part in bringing about the incorporation of Newington in 1870. A stanch democrat, he was the first town clerk of Newington, filling that office for many years, as well as holding some of the minor offices in the town. He was a member of the general assembly in 1877 and served his district in the state senate in 1887. He was a candidate for lieutenant governor on the ticket with Governor Luzon B. Morris at the time when the law was in effect that required a majority over all to elect a candidate for state office. He received a plurality but the election was thrown into the legislature and the minority candidates were declared elected. He was a member of the Connecticut state board of agriculture for many years; was secretary of the State Dairymen's Association and a charter member of Newington Grange. Mr. Kirkham was a very active member of the Newington Congregational church, in which he was a deacon, and superintendent of the Sunday school. He married Harriet P. Atwood, daughter of Josiah and Prudence (Kellogg) Atwood, and of their family two survive: Thomas A., and Judge John H. Kirkham, of New Britain, Connecticut. John S. Kirkham died February 9, 1918.

Thomas Atwood Kirkham, the subject of this review, was born March 7, 1862, at Newington, Connecticut. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and at the New Britain high school, from which he was graduated in 1880. He became identified with Bridgeport in a business way in 1882, although he made his home in Newington, until 1895, when he

took up his residence in Bridgeport. As a boy his ambition was to be a farmer, and one would have to look far to find a more attractive farm than the one he was born on. For a dozen years he managed his father's farm, his father being interested in other pursuits during the latter part of his life. This love of the soil has never left him, and in spite of a busy life he has always found time for farming.

Going from school back to the farm, it was a natural sequence that drew him into the fertilizer business. From 1882 to 1895 he acted as traveling salesman for the National Fertilizer Company of Bridgeport. In 1895 he formed a partnership with John A. Barri, who was one of the incorporators and treasurer of the National Fertilizer Company, and they purchased the old Berkshire Mill at No. 740 North Washington avenue, and under the name of the Berkshire Mills Company they engaged in the manufacture of fertilizers and also dealt in grain and coal. The Berkshire Mill was the earliest business enterprise of Bridgeport, its history dating back to 1783. They succeeded Andrew L. Winton in the ownership of the property and in 1897 built a new mill, in which they installed modern machinery. The partnership was dissolved by mutual consent in 1899, Mr. Kirkham retaining the fertilizer business, and Mr. Barri the grain and coal, and the latter is still at the same location.

When Mr. Kirkham withdrew from the firm, which was known as the Berkshire Mills Company, he continued the manufacture of commercial fertilizer under the name of Berkshire Fertilizer Company. He bought water front property on Harbor street on Cedar creek, Black Rock Harbor and erected a plant, built a dock, and thought he had room for future expansion, but the business grew so rapidly that soon he was cramped for space. In 1910 he bought of the Heppenstall Forge Company the plant of the old Bridgeport Forge Company at the foot of Howard avenue on the east, or water side, of the street. On November 24, 1913 the business was incorporated as The Berkshire Fertilizer Company, retaining that name until June 14, 1926, when the present style of The Berkshire Chemical Company was adopted. In 1926 the firm expanded the scope of its activities, erecting a building at the foot of Howard avenue adjacent to the fertilizer plant, and the new structure is utilized for the manufacture of

castor oil. The castor meal, which is a by-product, is used as a fertilizer. Both plants are completely equipped and their output is distributed over a wide area. Mr. Kirkham is president and treasurer of The Berkshire Chemical Company. The other officers are: George M. Worman, vice president; Frank D. Bell, assistant treasurer; Paul Hine, secretary; and Charles F. Williams, sales manager. The industry has grown steadily since its inception, and in control of the business Mr. Kirkham brings to bear the wisdom, forcefulness and initiative of the successful executive, and maintains a high standard of efficiency in the operation of the plants.

On May 23, 1906, Mr. Kirkham was married in New Haven, Connecticut, to Miss Fannie Leffingwell Brown, a native of New Britain, this state, and a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Kirkham) Brown. Both parents were born in Newington and died in New Britain. Mr. Brown was a progressive farmer and utilized scientific methods in the cultivation of his land. Mrs. Kirkham attended the public schools of New Britain and Professor Camp's private school and the State Normal School of Connecticut. She is a member of the Society of Patriots & Founders of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is active in the affairs of the Garden Club and the English Literature Club. She is on the woman's staff in charge of the children's ward of the Bridgeport Hospital and is a director in the Associated Charities.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham are affiliated with the United Congregational church and take a prominent part in the work of its societies. His political support is given to the republican party, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further measures for the general good. As one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce he is working for Bridgeport's best interests. From the time he came to Bridgeport he was connected with the Seaside Club until it passed out of existence. He belongs to the Brooklawn Country Club and the National Fertilizer Association, and is serving on the executive committee of the Independent Fertilizer Manufacturers Association.

If Mr. Kirkham has had a hobby, it has been his lifelong love of raising good crops, both animal and vegetable, for the satisfaction of seeing them grow. This has been his diversion during

a strenuous business life. He is fond of reading and from his boyhood days has been fond of athletics and all outdoor sports. He has conscientiously discharged the duties and obligations of life and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN B. WYNKOOP

For twelve years John B. Wynkoop has been connected with the Bridgeport board of education in official capacities, proving his civic spirit by effective public service, and he also figures prominently in religious affairs. A native of Paterson, New Jersey, he was born October 9, 1883, and has inherited the sterling qualities of his Dutch ancestors. His grandfather, John B. Wynkoop, was a native of Holland and came to the United States when a young man. He migrated to western Michigan and settled in the city of Holland, named in honor of the mother country. His son, Richard J. Wynkoop, was born in New York city and has lived in Bridgeport since 1901. He is the proprietor of the Wynkoop Studio and has long been classed with the city's leading photographers. His wife, Elizabeth (Murphy) Wynkoop, was born in Boonton, New Jersey, and is of Irish lineage.

John B. Wynkoop, their eldest son, obtained his early instruction in Paterson and continued his studies in night schools of New Jersey while employed in a print shop there, later attending New York University for a year. In 1901 he had removed to Bridgeport with his parents and while a student at the university made the trip from this city to New York four nights each week in order to master a course in the department of commerce and accounts. The days were devoted to his work in the office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, with which he spent the period from 1906 to 1916, being employed in both the passenger and operating departments. An expert accountant and conscientious worker, Mr. Wynkoop received seven promotions during that time, advancing from the position of clerk to that of assistant chief clerk. On the 1st of April, 1916, he tendered his resignation and for nine months thereafter had charge of the traffic department of the Remington Arms Company, severing his connection with that corporation December 24, 1916, when he became clerk of the board of education. He

was appointed assistant secretary of the board May 14, 1917, and has since acted in that capacity, proving exceptionally well qualified for the office.

Mr. Wynkoop was married June 30, 1907, to Miss Anna R. Huston, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, and they have one child, Huston Richard, who was born September 16, 1923. The parents are members of the People's Presbyterian church, and in 1914 Mr. Wynkoop was made president of the Men's Club of that congregation. He is vice president of the Christian Union of Bridgeport and has become a strong force for moral progress and spiritual uplift in this city. His political views are indicated by his connection with the Fifth District Republican Club, and he is also a Mason. Throughout life Mr. Wynkoop has been dominated by a keen sense of duty and honor, and the years have strengthened his position in public esteem.

MICHAEL J. HOULIHAN

Michael J. Houlihan was a prominent and influential citizen of Newtown, where for many years he conducted the Grand Central Hotel. He was also very active in political circles and filled various local and state offices, doing not a little toward molding public legislation in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Mr. Houlihan was born at Newtown, January 7, 1858, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 20th of September, 1925, when he was called to his final rest. His father, John Houlihan, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to America in 1855, settling at Newtown, Connecticut, where for thirty years he was in the employ of the New York Belting & Packing Company. He married Margaret Keane, also a native of Ireland.

Their son, Michael J. Houlihan, attended the schools of Newtown and first became identified with the hotel business in 1874, when he secured a position as porter and general utility boy. He afterward worked in various capacities in connection with hotel management until 1887, when he became proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel at Newtown, now called the Parker House. He was a genial host, ever watchful over the welfare and comfort of his guests, and was accorded a liberal patronage.

Mr. Houlihan was twice married. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Annie M. Slavin passed away June 29, 1894. To them was born three children: John Grover, deceased; Mrs. Burton Chase and Mrs. John Delaney. On the 8th of September, 1897, Mr. Houlihan was married to Katherine Agnes Hourigan and they have five daughters and one son, namely: Mary Virginia, Alice L., Agnes J., Mrs. Alfred Jolson, Mrs. G. E. Zorn and Cornelius K. Houlihan.

In his political views Mr. Houlihan was always an earnest democrat and took active and prominent part in political affairs. He served for ten years as town clerk, was also registrar of voters and clerk of the probate court. In 1884 he was elected to represent Newtown in the lower branch of the Connecticut assembly and in 1890 he received endorsement of his legislative service in his election to the state senate from the fifteenth district. He carefully and thoughtfully considered the vital questions which came up for settlement and stanchly supported every measure which he deemed of benefit to the commonwealth and as earnestly opposed all legislation which he thought would prove detrimental to the welfare of the state. In 1896 he was a delegate to the national democratic convention held in Chicago and he and one other of the Connecticut delegation were the only ones that did not "bolt" when the platform was accepted. On one occasion he was a candidate for United States congressman but failed of election, although the town went heavily democratic in the face of the republican landslide of that year. Mr. Houlihan was well qualified for political leadership. He was at all times genial, approachable and adaptable and he was keenly interested in questions of public concern, giving his aid and his influence on the side which he believed to be vital to the general welfare.

MARTIN A. CORBETT

Martin A. Corbett, who is one of the proprietors of a general store and pharmacy at Sandy Hook, was born in Newtown, Connecticut, December 15, 1870. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the local schools he entered the employ of the New York Belting & Packing Company at Sandy Hook and later

he secured a position with the firm of Taylor & Curtis, his connection with their house continuing through a period of eighteen years—a fact indicative of his faithfulness and his loyalty to the interests which he represented. He was desirous, however, of engaging in business on his own account and in 1909 he entered into partnership with Arthur J. Crowe in the purchase of the general store of Betts & Betts. Since that time, in association with Mr. Crowe, he has carried on a general mercantile business and a pharmacy. The trade has steadily developed through the past two decades and their patronage is now one of gratifying proportions. Their reliable methods and their enterprising spirit have been the salient features in the attainment of their success.

On the 25th of August, 1896, in Newtown, Mr. Corbett was united in marriage to Miss Marcella Killbide, a daughter of Michael and Mary Killbide. They have three children: Frank J.; Anna M., the wife of James F. Brennan; and Mildred, the wife of Edward Imbert.

Mr. Corbett votes with the democratic party, having supported its principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For twelve years he has done effective service as a member of the school board, taking an active and helpful interest in maintaining high educational standards here. He is also a member of the Newtown board of finance and is interested in all problems that have to do with public welfare and with the benefit of the community along lines of general development.

WILLIAM ARTHUR HONAN

Since 1910 William Arthur Honan has been continuously identified with the business interests of Hawleyville, where he is engaged in general merchandising and in the undertaking business. He was born in Newtown, Connecticut, December 16, 1881, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine Honan. He is a graduate of the Newtown Academy and on the completion of his school course he started out in the business world by entering the employ of Levi Morris, a general merchant of Newtown, with whom he remained until 1910, when he established business on his own account as an undertaker. He has since continued in this line and has been accorded a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1913 he purchased the property of Charles Blackman at Hawleyville, where he has since conducted a general store in connection with his undertaking business. He carries a well selected line of goods to meet the demands of varying tastes and puts forth every effort to please his patrons.

On the 12th of June, 1920, Mr. Honan was married at Newtown to Miss Margaret Hayes and they have four children: Dorothy, Marion, Margaret and William.

Mr. Honan is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Newtown and also belongs to the Danbury lodge of Elks. He is serving on the Newtown school board and is interested in all that has to do with public progress and the general welfare. He stands for all that is best in citizenship and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further measures for the general good.

MARTIN LEE

In boyhood Martin Lee formed habits of industry, perseverance and thrift which have constituted the basis of his success in later life, and in the steps of an orderly progression he has risen to the cashiership of the West Side Bank of Bridgeport, while he also has other financial interests of importance. He was born on a farm near Culpeper Court House, Virginia, August 17, 1883, a son of William J. and Margaret (Martin) Lee. When a youth the father came to America and lived for a time in Virginia. During the conflict between the north and the south he gallantly defended the Union cause and was only eighteen when the war was terminated. Afterward he migrated to Delaware and followed agricultural pursuits in that state for many years. Thomas Newman, a great-uncle of Martin Lee, resided in Pennsylvania when the Civil war was in progress, living near the scene of the battle of Gettysburg, and narrowly escaped death, as he was sitting at one end of his home when the other end was blown out by a shell. On the spot he later erected a marble tablet, on which was inscribed the date of the engagement. The maternal ancestors of Martin Lee emigrated from Holland to the United States and were pioneers in the manufacture of hosiery in Pennsylvania.

MARTIN LEE AND FAMILY

Mr. Lee was reared on the homestead and attended a district school about two miles distant, walking four miles each day while pursuing his studies. He assisted his father in tilling the soil and remained on the farm until he attained the age of eighteen, when he went to Wilmington, Delaware. On the 14th of February, 1905, he was graduated from a business college of that city and then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entering the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, which was the first to receive a charter under the national bank act. Starting as a messenger, he soon won promotion and remained with the bank for thirteen years. When he left the institution he was at the head of one of its departments and his next position was that of cashier for the Delaware Trust Company, a DuPont bank, located at Seaford. At the end of two and a half years he severed his connection with the company and in August, 1920, came to Bridgeport. In March, 1921, he entered the West Side Bank in the capacity of assistant cashier and in September, 1923, was elected to the office of cashier, of which he has been the incumbent for five years, contributing toward the success of the institution by efficient, conscientious work. This is regarded as the most modern suburban bank in Fairfield county and occupies a site in the manufacturing district. The business has grown steadily since its inception and the standing of the institution is indicated by the fact that its deposits amount to about three million, six hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Lee is secretary, treasurer and a director of the Peoples Title & Mortgage Company and one of the trustees of the Guardian Investment Trust of Connecticut, which have also benefited by his financial experience and acumen.

In New York city, November 8, 1916, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Edith A. Jackson, of New York city. Mrs. Lee is a daughter of William A. and Edith A. (Loud) Jackson, and granddaughter of Ebenezer Loud, who was an officer on the ship of Commodore Perry at the battle of Lake Erie. Ebenezer Loud was a brother of General George Loud, of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have two children: Martin Ellsworth, who was born August 4, 1918; and William Howard, born September 8, 1926. The family reside at 55 Jackman avenue, in Bridgeport, and their summer home is at Fairfield Beach. Mr. Lee is identified with the Masonic order, the Algonquin Club and the Brook-

lawn Country Club. Golf affords him the requisite exercise and relaxation and he also enjoys motoring. Mr. Lee occupies an enviable position in financial circles of Bridgeport and has a wide circle of friends, whose esteem he has won by an upright life and wisely directed endeavor.

WILLIAM WINTHROP WRIGHT

For more than twenty years William Winthrop Wright has been an official of The Artistic Bronze Company, of which he is now the executive head, proving an able successor of his father, and he worthily sustains the traditions of the family, which is one of prominence in Bridgeport. He was born in this city, December 2, 1888, a son of Dr. John Winthrop Wright, and is the fifth in line of descent from an American patriot who served in the Revolutionary war.

Dr. John W. Wright was born in Cromwell, Connecticut, June 8, 1852, and his parents, Leveret and Lucy Stowe (Smith) Wright, were also natives of this state. His father served in the Civil war and was one of the brave defenders of the Union cause. Dr. Wright was a student at Amherst College, from which he won the A. B. degree in 1877, and three years later received the degree of M. D. from the University of New York. In 1880 he located in Bridgeport and here followed his profession for more than forty years, drawing his patients from a wide area. During the Spanish-American war he was in the service of his country, filling the post of acting assistant surgeon, and after receiving his honorable discharge returned to Bridgeport. In 1900 he founded Galen Hospital at Nos. 808-12 Myrtle street and associated with him in its ownership and conduct were Drs. W. Lee Weadon and Dr. Robert D. Roller. With their able assistance Dr. Wright developed a fine institution and successfully managed the hospital for many years. He specialized in surgical work, in which he acquired marked skill, and for twenty years was a member of the staff of Bridgeport Hospital. Dr. Wright devoted much time to study and research and was a frequent contributor to the leading medical journals of the country. A distinguished representative of his profession, he was honored

with the presidency of both the Bridgeport City and Fairfield County Medical Societies and was also a member of the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was also a sagacious, farsighted business man and successfully controlled the activities of The Artistic Bronze Company.

Dr. Wright was married December 8, 1886, to Miss Elizabeth Curtis Knapp, who was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, October 27, 1857. She was a daughter of Captain William Knapp, who was lost at sea while in command of the Evening Star, which was then the largest steamer afloat. Dr. and Mrs. Wright became the parents of three children: Elizabeth Curtis, who was graduated from Smith College; William Winthrop; and Marion Trubee, a graduate of the Sargent School of Physical Education at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Doctor was a Master Mason and belonged to the Brooklawn and Seaside Clubs. In politics he was a republican, and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, of which he was an earnest member. He loved his profession for the good which it enabled him to do. His useful, upright life was brought to a close in February, 1926, and his wife passed away August 10, 1925.

William W. Wright attended the Park Avenue Institute and was also a student at the Hotchkiss school. In 1907, when a young man of nineteen, he became connected with The Artistic Bronze Company in the capacities of secretary and treasurer and in 1910 was made vice president and general manager, thus serving until 1918, when he succeeded his father as president. The company was incorporated in 1902, taking over a business in this line established many years before in New York. The industry was transferred from New York to South Norwalk, Connecticut, and since 1911 has been located at No. 2050 Fairfield avenue, in Bridgeport. The plant is sixty by one hundred and thirty feet in dimensions and one story in height. The company does job casting in brass and bronze and manufactures cabinet and builders' hardware and automatic screw machine products, as well as white metal specialties and automobile hardware specialties. They handle several patented articles and do a considerable amount of special contract work. They employ only skilled labor and pay good wages. Mr. Wright has devoted the best years of his life to the business, formulating well devised plans for its develop-

ment, and closely supervises every detail of the work, which is of uniform excellence. He is also treasurer of the Rustic Well Foundry, Inc., of Bridgeport, and in the conduct of his affairs is dominated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency.

Mr. Wright was married August 2, 1910, in South Norwalk, to Miss Marguerite C. Williams, who was born June 28, 1888, in Norwalk, and is a daughter of Charles E. Williams. Mrs. Wright was reared in her native city and is a high school graduate. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two sons: John Winthrop, who was born June 27, 1911, and is a senior in the Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire; and Laurence Leveret, who was born June 14, 1916, and is attending the Lincoln high school in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Mr. Wright is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Bridgeport Manufacturers Association, the Algonquin Club, the Fairfield Beach Club and the Missouri Athletic Club of St. Louis. His wife belongs to the Garden Club of Bridgeport and is vice president of the Parent-Teacher Association. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and has crossed the hot sands of the desert with the Nobles of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Bridgeport. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious views are indicated by his affiliation with the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Wright is a public-spirited citizen, a progressive business man of high standing, and a native son whose record reflects credit upon the city in which his life has been spent.

AUGUST W. BLYCHER

August W. Blycher, a prominent contractor and enterprising business man of Bridgeport, has been the architect and builder of his fortunes and represents that type of well bred foreign born American citizen whose inherited tendencies of industry, energy and integrity have added so much to the development and prosperity of our nation. A native of Esberg, Denmark, he was born March 14, 1873, and is a son of Jacob and Annie (Warn) Blycher, lifelong residents of that place. The father followed the profession of a civil engineer and was a Lutheran in religious faith.

The public schools of his native town afforded August W. Blycher his educational opportunities. At the age of seventeen he severed home ties, and, following the example of many of his fellow countrymen, he came to the United States. He worked for a year in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and in 1891 located in Bridgeport, where for several years he was employed as a bricklayer. During that time he saved a certain percentage of his earnings and in 1908 was able to establish a business of his own, becoming a general mason contractor. He prospered from the beginning and later organized the firm of A. W. Blycher & Son, which has become one of the foremost organizations of the kind in Bridgeport. They construct houses and everything in the building line. Their work is performed with thoroughness and skill, and the activities of the firm have constituted a direct agency in the city's upbuilding and improvement. A. W. Blycher has long been recognized as an expert craftsman and in the administration of his affairs brings to bear the foresight, business acumen and executive force which insure success.

Mr. Blycher was married May 23, 1899, in Bridgeport to Miss Annie Hansen, who was born in Germany, March 28, 1872, a daughter of Anderson and Bothilde (Berthelson) Hansen, who always resided in that country. Mrs. Blycher was educated in Germany and came to America when a young woman of twenty-five. Mr. and Mrs. Blycher became the parents of four children but lost their daughter Annie, who died at the age of fourteen months. Their son, Frederick, was born April 22, 1900, and since his graduation from high school has been associated with his father in the contracting business. He married Miss Edith Johnson, of Bridgeport, and both are prominent in the social life of the city. The daughter Bortilda was born August 18, 1902, and attended the public schools of Bridgeport, afterward completing a course in a local business college. She is the wife of Henry De Veny, of Bridgeport, and they have two children, Henrietta and Bettie. Annie Elizabeth, who completes the family, was born March 25, 1907, and is now the wife of Joseph Letzenbaugh, a Bridgeport electrician.

In 1898 Mr. Blycher enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war and was a private in Company H of the First Regiment of Connecticut Infantry. Along fraternal lines he is con-

nected with Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F. In politics he is non-partisan, voting for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, and his religious views are in harmony with the tenets of the Danish Lutheran church, of which he is a consistent member. For thirty-seven years a resident of Bridgeport, he has witnessed notable changes in its aspect, and in the work of progress and improvement he has played an important part. His life has been well spent, and his worth is recognized and appreciated by his fellow citizens, who speak of him in terms of high regard.

GERHARD FREDERICK BEHRE

Gerhard Frederick Behre is a successful young representative of financial interests in Fairfield county as treasurer of the New Canaan Savings Bank, with which he has thus been officially identified since 1925. His birth occurred in Brooklyn, New York, on the 22d of January, 1892, his parents being John H. and Anna M. (Moller) Behre. The father, who has represented his district in the state senate, occupies the presidency of the New Canaan Savings Bank.

Gerhard F. Behre was still but a child when his parents established their home in New Canaan, Connecticut, where he began his education in the grade schools. He continued his studies in the King school at Stamford and subsequently matriculated in Williams College of Williamstown, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. His initial experience in the banking business came to him during three years' service in the National City Bank, while afterward he was employed in the First National Bank of New Canaan for several years. In 1924 he was made assistant treasurer of the New Canaan Savings Bank and the following year was elected treasurer and secretary of the institution, which he has thus represented to the present time, being also a member of its board of managers. Thoroughly familiar with every phase of the banking business and watchful of the interests of depositors, his efforts have constituted an important factor in the continued growth and success of the New Canaan institution.

On the 16th of September, 1916, at New Canaan, Connecticut, Mr. Behre was united in marriage to Ethel Lawrence, and they have become parents of two children, John Edward and Ethel.

Mr. Behre has always given his political support to the republican party. He is a member and trustee of the Congregational church of New Canaan. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., of which he is treasurer. He holds to standards and ideals which make for reliability in business, for progressiveness and loyalty in citizenship and for faithfulness to all the duties and obligations of life.

MRS. BERTHA M. BETTS

One of the oldest and most reliable plumbing establishments of Norwalk is that owned by Mrs. Bertha M. Betts, at 11 Wall street. It has a well earned reputation for keeping abreast with all modern improvements in sanitation and heating and has long commanded the patronage of the representative people of the city and vicinity.

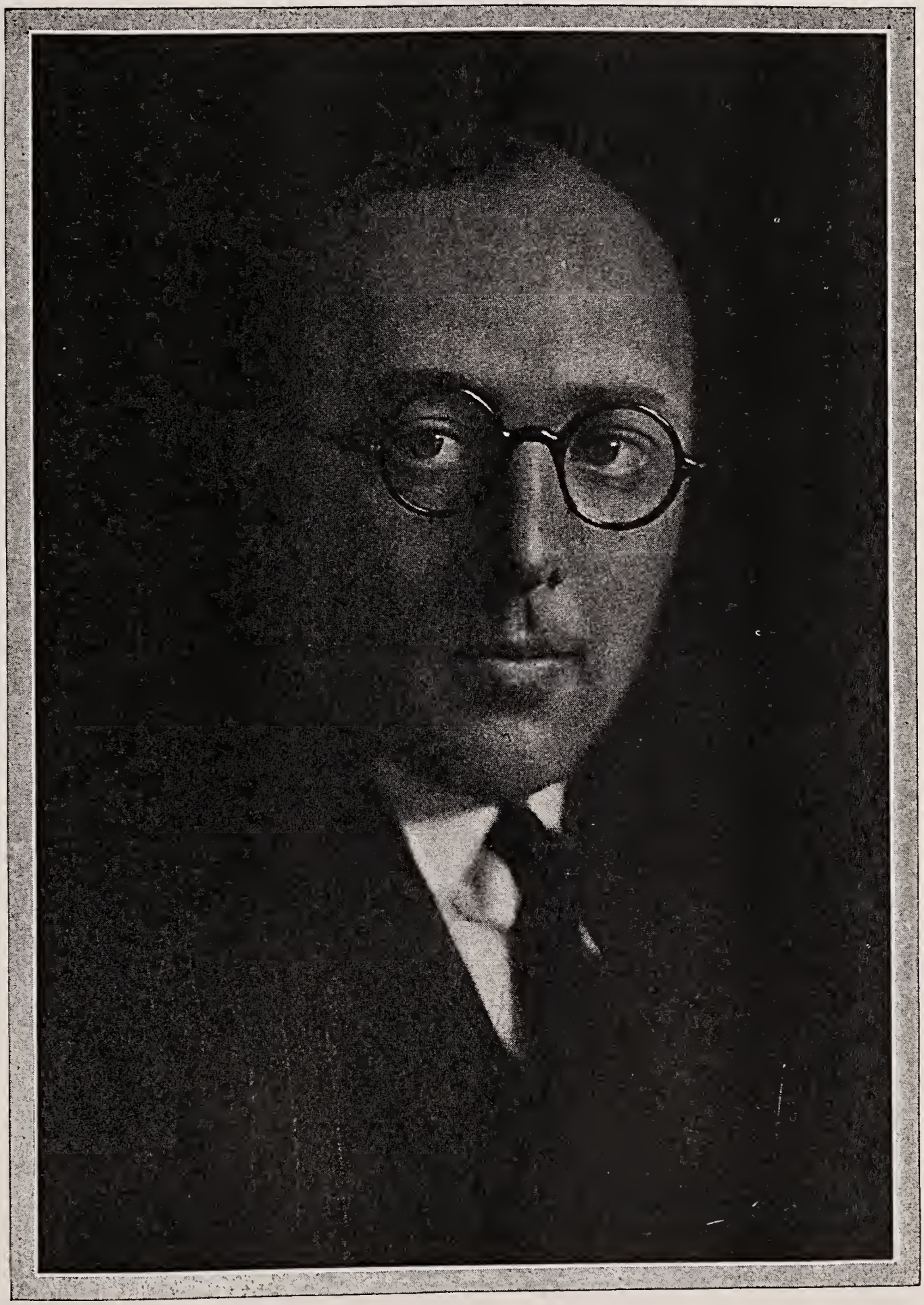
Mrs. Betts is the widow of the late Alfred W. Betts, a son of Allen and Ann (St. John) Betts, of Norwalk. He was a young man of ability and character, who was graduated from the Yale Business College of New Haven, and in 1895 bought a third interest in the business on the formation of the Jones & Hotchkiss Company. He soon afterward became president of the company but lived only two and a half years after he entered the business. The present executive force consists of Mrs. Betts and Josiah G. Gregory, manager. Mrs. Betts employs none but skilled workmen, some of whom learned their trade with this concern and have been loyal and efficient in its service. Indeed some of the older men recall when a part of their work was the making of copper bottomed wash basins with a handle, which were usually used at the black iron kitchen sink, water being supplied from a cistern by a hand pump. The business is located in what is known as the Lockwood Hall building, within a few doors of the place where the business was started many years ago.

The B. M. Betts concern gives its attention to the fitting of

modern bathrooms, water systems for country homes, steam, hot water and vapor heating, hot air engineering, slate and tin roofing and sewage disposal, in all of which lines it has gained a wide reputation for thorough workmanship, prompt service and reasonable prices. Many of the finest buildings, large factories and costly homes of this locality bear evidences of the high character of the work done by this concern and it stands among the leading business houses of Norwalk. Mrs. Betts is a woman of gracious and tactful manner, as well as sound business judgment, and commands the esteem and confidence of all who know her.

C. HOWARD MARTIN

Stable in purpose and energetic and decisive in action, C. Howard Martin has steadily progressed and is now classed with the leading morticians of Stamford, his native city. He was born October 20, 1889, and is a son of Charles Holly and Deborah H. (Swift) Martin. His grandparents, John Paul and Rosanna Martin, were born in Dumbarton, Scotland, and always remained in that country. The grandfather was a merchant tailor and shaped his conduct by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. Charles H. Martin was born March 14, 1858, in Stamford and became president of the Lyman Hoyt & Sons Company, a furniture and undertaking firm. For a considerable period he successfully conducted the business but is now living retired in Stamford. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He was made first selectman and was a member of the common council of Stamford for four years. He has always evinced a deep interest in matters touching the welfare and progress of the community and occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. His wife was born in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, March 29, 1859, and is seventy years of age, while he has reached the seventy-first milestone on life's journey. Henry Swift, the father of Mrs. Martin, was a lifelong resident of Cape Cod and followed the trade of a harness maker. He was an adherent of the republican party and a Congregationalist in religious faith.



C. HOWARD MARTIN

His wife, Deborah (Calhoun) Swift, was also a native of Cape Cod, and her demise occurred in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

C. Howard Martin was a pupil in the public schools of Stamford and continued his studies in the Bordentown (N. J.) Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1906. Under his father he was thoroughly trained in the furniture and undertaking business and was in the employ of the Lyman Hoyt & Sons Company until 1917, when he responded to the call of his country. He was assigned to duty with the Four Hundred and Thirty-seventh Company of Engineers and was sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, for training. There he was stationed until December 23, 1919, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of first sergeant. For two years thereafter he was a traveling salesman for the National Casket Company of New York city and in April, 1922, opened a business under the name of Martin & Martin as funeral directors in Stamford, in partnership with his brother Leslie. In August, 1925, he purchased his brother's interest and since then has conducted the business, being the sole owner. Mr. Martin has one of the finest funeral homes in Stamford and the rapid growth of the business is proof of his ability and high standing.

C. Howard Martin was married October 18, 1924, in Stamford, to Miss Kathryn Decker, who was born August 16, 1899, in East Orange, New Jersey, and completed her education in the Low-Heywood School for Girls. She is a daughter of Harrison and Jane (Edgar) Decker, natives respectively of East Orange, New Jersey, and Brooklyn. They reside in Stamford and Mr. Decker is one of its progressive realtors. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one son, Charles Howard, Jr., who was born May 4, 1926.

Mr. Martin is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife is a member of St. John's Episcopal church. She belongs to the Junior League, the Woman's Club and other local organizations and during the World war was active in Red Cross work. Mr. Martin is a member of the Suburban Club of Stamford and the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His loyalty to Stamford prompts his hearty coopera-

tion in projects for its growth and betterment, and his worth is attested by his fellow citizens, who speak of him in terms of high regard.

LOUIS W. RANDALL

Louis W. Randall, treasurer of the American Bank & Trust Company of Bridgeport, was born in Trumbull, Connecticut, November 2, 1904, and is a son of Howard F. and Eva (Wakeley) Randall, the former a native of Port Jefferson, New York, while the latter was born in Connecticut. Reared in his native town, Louis W. Randall obtained a public school education, and in 1920, when sixteen years of age, became a messenger for the American Bank & Trust Company of Bridgeport. His ability, trustworthiness and close application were rewarded by successive promotions and in 1929 he was made treasurer of the bank.

On the 6th of May, 1922, Mr. Randall was united in marriage to Miss Harriet N. Burton of Trumbull, and they reside at Long Hill, in the town of Trumbull. Mr. Randall's record is proof of the fact that merit and ability will come to the front, and he has amply justified the confidence reposed in him.

HON. PHINEAS CHAPMAN LOUNSBURY

Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury, banker, statesman and ex-governor of Connecticut, was one of Fairfield county's most distinguished sons. He was born in Ridgefield, a son of Nathan and Delia A. (Scofield) Lounsbury, and descended in the sixth generation from Richard Lounsbury, who came to America in 1663 and became one of the first settlers of Rye, Westchester county, New York. He was one of the company that purchased land from the Indians, his portion being in Stamford, and the family name has had a continuous identification with Connecticut history to the present day.

Mr. Lounsbury's father was a farmer in Ridgefield, who held various town offices and was once a member of the house of repre-

sentatives. He was a man of strong convictions and earnest Christian character; a man who was never afraid to express his views and to live up to them. Two of his sons rose to the highest office in the gift of the commonwealth—first Phineas C. and later George E. occupied the governor's chair with honor to their name and with wide reaching benefit to the state.

Descending from a long line of high-minded, public-spirited ancestors, and personally gifted with those qualities of mind and heart which command spontaneous respect, Phineas C. Lounsbury was a man peculiarly fitted to handle large interests. His childhood and youth were spent on the farm, where was laid the foundation for the splendid health which he enjoyed during his later years. He received a thorough academic education and entered a business career with the organization of the firm of Lounsbury Brothers. They manufactured shoes, the factory being first located in New Haven, Connecticut, then in South Norwalk, the same state, when the firm name was changed to Lounsbury, Mathewson & Company. Here the business was more broadly developed, the facilities and equipment being much more advantageous. The firm became widely known for the excellence of its product and for the honorable dealings which were the basis of its business policy. As the head of the firm Mr. Lounsbury soon became a man of more than local note and was sought by business men in many sections for advice on monetary affairs. He became a member of the Merchants Exchange National Bank of New York city, and won so high a place in the esteem of that important institution that in 1885 he was elected its president by unanimous vote. This bank was organized in 1829 with a capital of one million dollars, then an enormous sum of money, and his position at the head of the institution gave Mr. Lounsbury a leading place among the great financiers of the country. It was not long after his first connection with the Merchants Exchange National that the name was changed to the Atlantic National Bank, and subsequently to its present name, the Bank of America. He was a director of the American Banknote Company of New York for more than forty-five years, and was the last surviving corporator of the Washington Trust Company of that city. For many years he was actively interested in other enterprises and was a valued adviser, to which he added a sane appraisal of a critical situation, and he possessed a fearless courage in going

forward along any line which he approved. Although this multiplicity of interests in New York demanded much of his time, he was during all of his business career closely identified with his manufacturing interests in this state, upon which he ever kept an oversight. One of his most cherished mementoes of his active business life was presented to him upon his completion, in 1919, of forty years' service as a member of the board of directors of the Atlantic National Bank. It was the finest example of the watchmaker's art which could be obtained and was presented by his associates as a token of their esteem, accompanied by the following resolutions:

"At the completion of forty years of service in the management of the bank by our Chairman, Phineas C. Lounsbury, having in mind the many benefits which have accrued to this institution through his long and faithful services, and the success that has attended his watchful care of the interests of the stockholders, during the vicissitudes of more than a generation,

"Be it Resolved, That Kimball C. Atwood, David L. Luke and Lorenzo Benedict be, and hereby are appointed a committee authorized to present to Governor Lounsbury, on behalf of the bank, a token suitably inscribed to show its appreciation of his valuable services, with the congratulations of the board on his achievements, and the hope that he may long continue to participate in the active management of the bank."

But to the people of Connecticut, ex-Governor Lounsbury's political career holds a deeper significance than his long and honorable career in the business world. He exercised the franchise at the first election after he reached his majority, and then, as always afterward, he supported the republican party. He was one of the first to enlist at the breaking out of hostilities between the north and south and served as a private in the Seventeenth Connecticut Volunteers. He was honorably discharged after several months on account of serious illness. Later he was recommended for a pension. While he deeply appreciated this recognition of his services, he declined the emolument, since he had no need of it.

During the period following the war he labored with unflagging zeal in the reconstruction of the old order, which was as real and vital a problem in the north as it was in the south. His

party was not slow to recognize in the young man the possibilities of leadership. In 1874 the republicans of the town of Ridgefield elected him to represent the town in the state house of representatives. The temperance question was one of the live issues of the campaign, and it was largely his attitude in regard to it that won him success. In this broader field the talents which had been recognized in the home environment were at once acclaimed by the assembled republicans, and they placed in his hands the more weighty and important issues which held their interest. In short, he speedily became a leader. His business experience, together with the sane and practical way in which he applied it to the proceedings of a committee or the handling of a debate, contributed largely to the success of the measures for which he labored. He was a member of the committee which framed the rigid local option laws of the state.

As an orator ex-Governor Lounsbury made a lasting impression on the people of the state, as well as on his colleagues at the capitol. During the presidential campaign of 1884 he addressed great gatherings in the interests of James G. Blaine. His eloquence evoked the most laudatory comment on the occasion of the dedication at Woodstock, in 1886, of the monument to the sons of Connecticut who lost their lives on the field of Gettysburg. The personal magnetism which had been a part of his success in the political field made him readily suggestable for the highest office in the gift of the state. In 1882 his name was enthusiastically mentioned for governor, but for party reasons it was withdrawn and the nomination was given to the Hon. William H. Bulkeley, brother of ex-Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley. In 1884 many friends again desired Mr. Lounsbury's nomination, but it was finally given to Henry B. Harrison. In 1886 the sentiment was overwhelming for Mr. Lounsbury, who had worked loyally for the success of the previous candidates. At the convention in Hartford in 1886 he was unanimously nominated for governor on the first ballot. His popularity with the people was substantially demonstrated at the polls, and on January 6, 1887, Phineas Chapman Lounsbury was inaugurated governor of the state of Connecticut. During the two years which his term of office covered he fulfilled the most confident prophecies of his friends and administered wisely the trust placed in his hands by the

people of the state. A law which has been called one of the most important of his administration is the "Incorrigible Criminals Act." This law provides for the detention for a long period of any criminal convicted twice of any offense for which the penalty is not less than two years. The justification of the severity of such measures is that primarily the state prison is for the protection of society. The Governor's own argument for the bill was that as a mad dog or a tiger must be confined for the safety of the public, so the man who has shown himself to be devoid of honor must be imprisoned permanently, not allowed to prey upon the community. The vote upon this act was unanimous. His entire administration was marked by a frank and consistent deference to the highest standards of right and a never failing consideration of the welfare of the people. The rare tribute of praise from an opponent was paid him by the "Hartford Times," the leading democratic paper of the state, at the close of his term of office, as follows:

"Governor Lounsbury retires from the executive office to-morrow, with a record alike creditable to him as a man and as an official. While our political preference did not favor his election to the chief magistracy of the state, and while we had, in the outset, some doubts as to the probable methods of his official course, we may frankly say at this time that we are satisfied that he has been one of the best governors Connecticut has ever had. We have found in Governor Lounsbury a gentleman of sterling integrity, of unfailing courtesy, gifted with excellent business tact, and inclined to administer the affairs of the state on business principles and with a view to economy and efficiency in every matter requiring his official consideration and action. Governor Lounsbury unquestionably retires from office with the respect and hearty good feeling of every one, irrespective of party, with whom he has been brought into official or personal relations."

In the rapidly thinning ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, ex-Governor Lounsbury was a prominent figure. He was a member of the Edwin D. Pickett Post, of Stamford, and was one of the last two survivors of the one hundred and sixty-two volunteers in the Civil war who enlisted from Ridgefield. He was a member of the Union League and Republican Clubs of New York city, and a member of Jerusalem Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He

was always a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an active and influential layman in the deliberations of the church gatherings. He served as a lay delegate to the general conference in 1888, and later served in many similar capacities. For many years he was a trustee of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1887.

Ex-Governor Lounsbury married, in 1867, Jennie Wright, daughter of Neziah Wright, one of the founders of the American Bank Note Company. Their home in Ridgefield, "Grovelawn," was one of the most beautiful estates in Connecticut, comprising seventy-five acres in rolling lawns adorned with many varieties of flowers and fine trees. The Lounsbury home was always the center of the most genial hospitality, and here ex-Governor Lounsbury was at his best, for added to the dignity with which he met the public was the wholesouled charm of the man as a host. He died in June, 1925.

JOHN STIRLING EDWARDS

John Stirling Edwards, city clerk of Shelton, where he was born November 9, 1881, is a son of Daniel E. and Katie C. (Beecher) Edwards. He acquired a public school education and then obtained employment in the Shelton piano factory, where he remained for a period of twenty years, working his way steadily upward as his experience gave him greater ability. He severed his connection therewith in 1917, having been appointed city clerk. With the exception of two years when he was employed as a clerk with the Shelton Trust Company, he has continued in the office to the present time. No higher testimonial of his efficient service in office could be given than the fact that he has been retained as the incumbent of the position for twelve years. While in the factory he was very active in the affairs of the Piano Workers' Union and was a first vice president of the association. His public activity has also covered twenty-six years' service as a member of the volunteer fire company of Shelton, serving four terms as secretary of the company and nine years as treasurer, and he is still holding the latter office.

On the 25th of October, 1905, Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Lucy M. Degnan. He belongs to the Shelton Chamber of Commerce, to the Elks lodge of Derby, to the Foresters of America, Court Housatonic, of Derby and to the Sons of Veterans, and in the last two he has filled all the chairs. His many sterling qualities have made him widely and favorably known and all with whom he has become associated attest his character worth and his loyalty in citizenship.

JOHN ALLEN O'CONNOR, D. D. S.

Among the skilled, up-to-date and successful dentists of South Norwalk, Dr. John A. O'Connor holds a prominent place, his careful, painstaking and efficient work having enabled him to build up a large and representative practice. He was born in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1888, and is a son of Michael and Margaret (Harrison) O'Connor, of that city. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city; after which he was a student at the College of the City of New York. He next entered the dental school of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1913. He was associated with Dr. Williams at Greenwich for about eight months, after which he came to South Norwalk and opened an office on Washington street. In 1918 he moved to South Main street but, increasing business demanding larger quarters, in 1924, he came to his present location at 68 South Main street, where he has a suite of nicely furnished and well equipped offices.

In 1920 Dr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Francis Sculley, a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth (Tammany) Sculley, the former of whom is secretary of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks lodge in Norwalk and is mentioned in an individual sketch elsewhere in this work. To Dr. and Mrs. O'Connor have been born three children, John Allen, Jr., Patricia M. and Noreen E. During the World war the Doctor enlisted in August, 1918, in the dental corps at Camp Devens and remained in the service until February, 1919, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant. He is a

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fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and is also connected with the Shorehaven Golf Club. He is a member of the Psi Omega Dental Society; the Southwestern Fairfield County Society, of which he has been president, and the Connecticut Dental Association, serving as a member of the oral hygiene committee. Courteous and gentle in his professional relations, and cordial and friendly in his social intercourse, the Doctor makes a favorable impression on all who come in contact with him, and throughout the city in which he lives he is held in high regard.

GEORGE HUGO

At the outset of his career George Hugo chose a definite objective, of which he has never lost sight, and his ability and even-paced energy have carried him onward and upward until he is now classed with Bridgeport's leading financiers and influential citizens. He was born in this city, July 3, 1877, a son of Adam and Augusta (Rose) Hugo, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in New York city. The father crossed the Atlantic when a boy of eleven, completing his education in the United States, and he was married in New York. By occupation he was a baker and for a number of years was foreman with the firm of Wallace Brothers. He passed away at the age of eighty-seven years and the mother at the age of seventy-five.

George Hugo was reared and educated in his native city, graduating from grammar school in 1891, and he gained his start in life in the private bank of James Staples & Company. For twenty-seven years he remained with the company, mastering the intricate details of modern finance and gradually assuming heavier responsibilities. At the time of its organization he became a stockholder in the Newfield Bank & Trust Company at 1194 Stratford avenue, of which he was elected secretary and treasurer, and has since held these offices. Mr. Hugo is the virtual head of the institution, which has prospered under his wise guidance and is now one of the largest and strongest suburban banks in this part of the state. Many difficulties were encountered at first but through perseverance and good management these were overcome and the bank has steadily grown in

power and usefulness. Its original home was a small structure eighteen by thirty-six feet in dimensions, adjoining the present building, which was erected in 1922. This edifice of stone and cement construction is sixty by twenty-five feet in extent and two stories in height. The building is thoroughly modern and its equipment includes every appliance found in the up-to-date bank. The progress made by the institution is shown by the record of its deposits, which were eight thousand dollars on the opening day, March 17, 1919, and they have now reached two million, one hundred thousand dollars, while the assets total over two and one-half million dollars.

Mr. Hugo was married November 18, 1903, in Bridgeport, to Miss Theresa Macnerny, and their two children are: Esther T., a high school pupil; and George Ray. Mr. Hugo is identified with the Masonic order, the Algonquin Club, the Reciprocity Club, Pootatuck Yacht Club and several business corporations. He is a consistent member of the United Congregational church and turns to aquatic sports for recreation. His well known conservatism and integrity constitute valuable assets of the institution which he represents, and his worth to the community is uniformly acknowledged.

CARLTON SAMUEL RAYMOND

Carlton Samuel Raymond, filling the position of assistant town clerk, with offices in the city hall of New Canaan, has by the prompt and efficient discharge of his duties made a creditable record that has gained for him high endorsement of the public. Mr. Raymond is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred in Montague on the 18th of August, 1883. He was but three years of age, however, when brought to New Canaan, where he attended the public schools, supplementing his preliminary educational training by a course in the Eastman School of Business at Poughkeepsie, New York. He then went to Greenwich, Connecticut, where he was employed by the Postal Telegraph Company for a year. He afterward spent a year in Stamford and then returned to New Canaan, where he was with the French Cable Company for a year. He next became associated with the

Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford, continuing in the employ of that corporation until 1910. Again coming to New Canaan, he engaged in the automobile, garage and livery business until 1926, when he was appointed assistant town clerk. He has since been associated with municipal affairs here and has been most loyal to the interests entrusted to him, so that his record as a public official is a most commendable one.

On the 20th of October, 1915, Mr. Raymond was married at Wilton, Connecticut, to Miss Harriett I. Green, and they have one son, Carlton Samuel, Jr., who was born August 22, 1916.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Raymond is a Mason, belonging to Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., and he is a loyal adherent of the teachings of the craft. He has always resided in New England and the best tenets of its citizenship find expression in his life.

HENRY GEORGE CARLSON

Henry George Carlson, who is conducting a Ford sales agency and garage in Newtown, was born at this place February 15, 1895, a son of John Albert and Emily (King) Carlson. The father was a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and on coming to America settled at Newtown, where he lived for about ten years, passing away in 1896. His widow yet survives.

Henry G. Carlson was only in his second year at the time of his father's death, but he was carefully reared by his mother and in the local schools of Newtown pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. Since 1920, at which time he was twenty-five years of age, he has continuously engaged in the garage business and for some time he was also secretary to Dwight Wheeler, of Bridgeport, who died in June, 1928. Since that time Mr. Carlson has devoted his attention exclusively to his business at Newtown, where he handles the Ford car in sales and in repairs. He has built up a business of substantial proportions and is meeting with a gratifying measure of success. He annually disposes of a considerable number of Ford cars and in the repair department expert work is done, fully meeting the requirements of the public.

In 1915 Mr. Carlson was married to Miss Esther M. Fontaine, and they have two children, Henry George, Jr., and Dwight William.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Carlson has voted with the republican party and is now filling the office of justice of the peace in Newtown, in which connection his decisions are strictly fair and impartial. Fraternally he is associated with Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., and is a loyal follower of the teachings of the craft.

C. LeGRAND BENEDICT

C. LeGrand Benedict, who fought for his country in the World war, is now one of the officers of the Bethel Beaver & Velour Company and an aggressive, capable young business man who has already advanced far on the highroad which leads to success. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and is a son of Frank T. and Maria Louisa (Hopkins) Benedict. His maternal grandfather, Lewis LeGrand Hopkins, was the last warden for the old borough of Danbury and held office two months beyond the legal time in order to conform to the date set in the city charter for the opening of the new city, of which he was chosen mayor in 1889, being the first to hold that office. Judge Hopkins made a fine record as a public servant and was a man of sterling worth.

C. LeGrand Benedict attended the public schools of Danbury and afterward was employed in various hat factories of Norwalk, Connecticut, acquiring a detailed knowledge of the business. In 1917 he responded to the call to arms and went overseas with the Fifty-sixth Artillery. While at the front he participated in the Argonne offensive and other notable battles and endured great hardships and privations but never faltered in the performance of duty. In 1918 he was honorably discharged and resumed his work as a hat maker in Danbury. Since 1928 he has been associated with William G. Staib in the manufacture of a fine quality of ladies' hats and is now secretary of the Bethel Beaver & Velour Company. To the discharge of his daily tasks he brings the energy and zeal of youth, combined with mature judgment and broad experience, and his well directed labors have become

a vital element in the conduct of the business, which is one of extent and importance.

In 1921 Mr. Benedict was married in Danbury to Miss Margaret Mock, a daughter of Jacob Mock, and they have become the parents of three children: LeGrand Jr., Barbara and Margaret. Mr. Benedict is a young man of earnest purpose, endowed with marked strength of character, and his personality is one that inspires esteem and friendship.

WILLIAM BRADFORD BOARDMAN

For many years Bridgeport has been the scene of the professional activities of William Bradford Boardman, who is classed with the foremost attorneys of this part of the state. He is of English lineage and traces his ancestry in a direct line to William Bradford, who came to America in 1620 as a passenger on the Mayflower and was the first governor of Plymouth colony. Thomas Boardman, of whom William Bradford Boardman is a direct descendant, came to the new world by 1632 and also settled in the colony of Massachusetts.

It was in Brimfield, Massachusetts, that William B. Boardman was born August 22, 1871, and in childhood he came to Connecticut with his parents, Rev. M. Bradford and Ellen E. (Barber) Boardman. They settled in New Britain, and the father was assistant pastor of the Congregational church of that city for a number of years.

Following the completion of his course in the New Britain high school William B. Boardman entered the academic department of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1893, and afterward became an instructor in the University School at Bridgeport, devoting three years to educational work. Meanwhile he studied law and in 1898 received the degree of LL. B. from Yale University. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of Fairfield county and located in Bridgeport. He became associated with Goodwin Stoddard and practiced with his firm until September, 1906, when Mr. Boardman became assistant attorney for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, in charge of the steam and trolley litigation in Con-

necticut, with offices in New Haven. In November, 1907, he formed a partnership with George E. Hill in Bridgeport and they engaged in practice under the style of Hill & Boardman until Mr. Hill's death on September 30, 1916, building up a large clientele. Mr. Boardman was then alone for a few years and since January, 1921, has been head of the firm of Boardman & Grout, one of the strongest and most successful legal combinations in Bridgeport. In July, 1921, he became judge of the city court through appointment of Governor Lake and served until May, 1923.

Judge Boardman was married February 22, 1901, to Miss Alice Burr Hall and their son, Bradford, has received the degrees of A. B. and LL. B. from Yale University. He was admitted to the bar in 1927 and is now connected with the firm of Boardman & Grout.

Judge Boardman is an active member of Park Street Congregational church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. From 1912 until 1916 he was a member of the Bridgeport board of education, of which he was secretary during the greater part of that time, and for several years has served on the board of the public library. He was president of the Bridgeport Bar Association for a year, the executive head of the Connecticut Bar Association for two years, and since 1913 has been secretary of the bar examining committee of the state. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Corbey Court Law School Society, Zeta Psi, the Bridgeport Country Club, the University Club and the Black Rock Yacht Club. Judge Boardman has not permitted his professional interests to monopolize his time, and his activity in those movements having to do with Bridgeport's development and progress have been of distinct value.

JOHN BERNARDINE DILLON

John Bernardine Dillon, an attorney of Shelton who has devoted much of his life to public service, in which he has shown marked devotion to the general good, was born in Shelton, March 21, 1882, a son of David and Margaret (Keane) Dillon, both of

whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States in 1865 and passed away in 1918, having for eleven years survived his wife, whose death occurred in 1907. They were the parents of nine children: Andrew; James, who entered the Franciscan order and is known as Father Bernardine; Mary; David and Paul, both deceased; Rev. William J., who is located at Pinehurst, North Carolina; Anna; Joseph and John Bernardine.

The last named was a pupil in the grade schools and in the high school of Shelton and in 1902 entered St. John's College at Brooklyn, New York, where he remained a student for two years. He then took up the study of law at Yale, completing his course by graduation in 1907. In June of that year he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Shelton, where he remained in active practice until 1917, when he entered professional ranks in Bridgeport, but returned to Shelton in 1924. Throughout the years he has enjoyed a large practice that has constantly grown in volume and importance. Before finishing his law course he was appointed assistant prosecutor and throughout the years of his active professional career he has been called upon for various kinds of public service. He was formerly town counsel of Huntington and he served on the board of education, of which he was the president for three years. He has filled the office of borough tax collector and personal tax collector. In 1912 he became judge of the city court of Shelton, serving until 1920. In 1915 and 1917 he was chosen to represent his town in the state legislature. In 1919 he was elected state senator from the twenty-fifth district, was made chairman of the claims committee and chairman of the special committee that was formed to investigate all of the trolley companies of Connecticut, in which connection he performed a very important service. He filled the office of corporation counsel in 1923 and 1924 and thus again and again his fellow townsmen have displayed their faith in his capability and loyalty—a faith that has never been abused in the slightest degree.

On the 10th of July, 1910, Judge Dillon was married at West Haven, Connecticut, to Miss Gladys Leonard, a daughter of Wilbur A. and Catherine Leonard.

Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus at Shelton and was former grand knight. His has been a life of great activity and usefulness in which he has ever felt a keen

sense of responsibility in office, recognizing his duties and his obligations to his fellowmen and giving to them a service that has been far-reaching and beneficial. Judge Dillon is the author of a work entitled "Law, Lawyers and Honesty," which was published in 1922 and has been widely read.

EBEN FISKE-APPLETON PUTNAM

Eben Fiske-Appleton Putnam, prominent in the publicity field in Fairfield county, is the president, general manager and director of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company and a number of other important public utility corporations of the east. He was born April 23, 1891, at Danvers, Massachusetts, and is a son of Major Eben and Florence M. (Tucker) Putnam, also natives of the Bay state, the former born in Salem, October 10, 1868, and the latter in Roxbury, November 30, 1873. The family is of old Yankee stock. The first of the name in America was John Putnam, who settled in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1641, emigrating from Aston Abbotts, Buckinghamshire, England, a locality in which the family had lived since 1100, holding prominent place in the counties of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. They derived their descent from Roger, who at the time of the great Domesday survey in 1066 held Puttenham, which place gave name to one branch of his family. The Putnam family of Essex county, Massachusetts, has supplied many noted men. The line of descent of Eben F. Putnam from John is as follows: John, Captain John, Lieutenant James, James, Dr. Eben, Eben, Eben, Professor Frederic W., Major Eben, Eben Fiske-Appleton. The Putnam ancestry includes such families as Appleton, Fiske, Ward, Waldron, Gibbs, Sheafe, Webb, Mooars, Hardy, Thurston, Sparhawk, Adams, Tufts, Hathorne, Porter, Phippen, Purrington and Libby—families settled from Portland, Maine, to Hartford, Connecticut, and chiefly centering in Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex counties. Frederic Ward Putnam, the distinguished anthropologist, was the paternal grandfather of Mr. Putnam of this review. He was connected with Harvard University from 1855, when he first studied under Louis Agassiz, until his death in 1915, having been director of the Peabody Museum since 1876. He was also head of the

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anthropological departments of the American Museum in New York and of the University of California. Major Eben Putnam, the father of Eben F. Putnam, is the official historian of Massachusetts on the World war and has held the position of national historian of the American Legion since 1919. He served with the American Expeditionary Forces. His wife, Mrs. Florence M. (Tucker) Putnam, is descended from Morris Tucker, who emigrated from southern England to Salisbury, Massachusetts, about 1660. One of her forbears was Lieutenant Ezra Tucker, who participated in the battle of White Plains in 1776.

In the acquirement of an education Eben F. Putnam attended the Wellesley high school in Massachusetts and subsequently entered the Staunton (Va.) Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1909. In the succeeding fall he continued his studies in Norwich University at Northfield, Vermont, leaving this institution at the close of the first year to transfer to Harvard University for a special engineering course. In 1912 he put aside his textbooks to enter the commercial engineering department of the General Electric Company at Harrison, New Jersey, and in April, 1913, he obtained employment with The Connecticut Light & Power Company at Greenwich, Connecticut, as commercial agent doing new business work. He was transferred to the Norwalk office of The Connecticut Light & Power Company in 1914 and there remained until the spring of 1915, when he was made assistant superintendent of the Naugatuck district of the company, which included Naugatuck and Seymour. In 1916 he was made commercial agent at Waterbury in charge of new business activities in Waterbury, Naugatuck, Seymour and surrounding towns. In February, 1917, he was appointed district superintendent of The Connecticut Light & Power Company at Greenwich, Connecticut, remaining in charge of the company's operations there until October, 1919, when he was promoted to the position of district manager of the same company at Norwalk. He continued in charge of the gas and electric operations and property in the Norwalk district, including New Canaan, Wilton and surrounding territory, until April, 1925, when he was transferred to New Britain as district manager of the New Britain district of The Connecticut Light & Power Company, which includes the surrounding towns of Berlin, Newington, Plainville

and Southington. Mr. Putnam left this position on February 1, 1926, to become president of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company, and its various operating subsidiaries with headquarters at Greenwich. He is at the present time president and general manager of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company and subsidiaries, which include seven gas properties and four water properties in New York and New England states. He was also recently made vice president of the New Rochelle Water Company, supplying a large territory in Westchester county, including New Rochelle, Pelham Manor, North Pelham, Bronxville, Tuckahoe, Eastchester, Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry and Hastings. He organized the Greenwich Gas Company in 1925 and directed the installation of gas mains throughout the town of Greenwich, which up to this time had never had gas service. In a period of two and one-half years he built this company up to its present successful status with over thirty-one hundred customers and a substantial business. The installation of gas in Greenwich filled a long-felt need and did a great deal to accelerate the growth and development of the town. Mr. Putnam assisted in the negotiations and purchase of the Greenwich Water Company and Port Chester Water Works, putting all three of these companies into a new holding company which was formed and called the Greenwich Water & Gas Company. Subsequently other gas properties were added. St. Johnsbury, Barre, Springfield and St. Albans, Vermont, were acquired and the Vermont Lighting Corporation became one of the subsidiaries of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company. Bristol and Warren Water Works was also acquired by this company and the North Attleboro and Ware gas properties in Massachusetts are managed from Greenwich. Mr. Putnam, as head of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company, is engaged in the coordination of water supply activities in Westchester county and Greenwich, which are now under the same control. He has made extensive improvements in the public water supply of Greenwich, including the building of the new filtration plant at Putnam Lake in 1927-1928. At this time he is president, general manager and director of the Greenwich Water & Gas Company, the Greenwich Gas Company and the Greenwich Water Company of Connecticut, the Port Chester Water Works of New York, the Vermont Lighting Corporation and the St. Johnsbury Gas Company of Ver-

mont, the North Attleboro Gas Light Company and the Ware Gas Company of Massachusetts and the Southern Connecticut Real Estate Company and Glenville Power & Water Company of Connecticut. He is also vice president of the Bristol and Warren Water Works of Rhode Island and the New Rochelle Water Company of New York, is a director of the Independence Water Works of Independence, Missouri, and a director of F. L. Putnam & Company, Inc., investment bankers of Boston, Hartford, Providence and New York. He has coordinated unrelated and seemingly diverse interests into a unified and harmonious whole and in the conduct of his numerous enterprises has contributed in material measure to the development and progress of various communities.

On the 30th of October, 1915, in Naugatuck, Connecticut, Mr. Putnam was united in marriage to Frenelia Lillian Uhle, daughter of Dr. Frederick L. and Ottilie Emma (Schmidt) Uhle. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Putnam was a prosperous manufacturer who left Germany in 1870 because of dissatisfaction with the government and after a short residence in England came to Connecticut to spend his declining years. In the paternal line Mrs. Putnam traces her ancestry back to John Henrich Uhle, who emigrated to America from the Palatinate about 1708 and took up his abode in Dutchess county, New York. His descendant, Captain Frederick Uhle, who served in the American Revolution, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Putnam. The ancestors of Mrs. Putnam in the paternal line were chiefly among the early settlers from old Plymouth colony, Rhode Island and along the Sound to the Hudson valley and include the Lines, Streight, Mowle, Knap, Tobey, Knott and other families. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have a daughter, Muriel Adelaide, who was born November 7, 1921, at Norwalk, Connecticut, and resides with her parents at West Brother drive, Milbrook, Greenwich, Conneticut.

Mr. Putnam maintained an independent attitude in politics during his early life but of late years has been affiliated with the republican party. His military record shows him a former member of the Vermont National Guard and sergeant of the Greenwich military police in 1918. He was disqualified for active service during the World war on account of a broken leg and ankle but aided the government as local industrial chairman of

various war drives and was inspector for the United States Fuel Administration and a member of the citizens' committee of Greenwich which supervised the war activities of the community. He made a splendid record as president of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce in 1927-1928, during which period the membership was increased to a total of five hundred and thirty-two, the largest in the history of the organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the following organizations: St. John's Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., of Norwalk; Monker Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Our Brothers Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Norwalk, Kabaosa Encampment of Norwalk; and the Knights of Pythias of Greenwich. His religious faith is indicated by his attendance at the Second Congregational church. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is manifest in his numerous club connections. He was president of the Norwalk Country Club in 1925 and upon leaving Norwalk in that year was made one of three honorary life members of the Norwalk Club, the oldest business men's club in that city. His name is on the membership rolls of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, the Milbrook Country Club, the Masonic Club of Greenwich, the Fly Fishers Club of Brooklyn, the Rotary Club of Greenwich, of which he is a director, the University Club of Boston, the Norwich Club of New York, the American Gas Association, the New England Gas Association, the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, the New England Water Works Association, the American Water Works Association, and the American Historical Association. He is, moreover, a freeman of the Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

REV. RICHARD J. CARROLL

Rev. Richard J. Carroll, who has served for the past eight years as pastor of the important parish of the Assumption, at Westport, has done a quality of work here that has gained for him the uniform respect of the people of the community, regardless of creed or profession. He was born in Winsted, Connecticut, in 1862 and is a son of Patrick C. and Ellen (Mallay) Carroll, who were natives of Ireland and are deceased. A very pleasant coincidence was the celebration by these parents of their fiftieth

wedding anniversary in the same church in Winsted, Connecticut, in which they were married, and at which time their son, Rev. Richard J. Carroll, said the mass.

Father Carroll received his early education in private schools in Winsted and then prepared for the priesthood, pursuing his philosophical and theological studies in St. Bonaventura Seminary at Allegany, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1886 by Bishop Stephen V. Ryan, and his first appointment was to St. Peter's parish in Hartford, Connecticut, where he remained two years. He was transferred to St. John's church at Stamford, where he also served for three years, after which he was appointed assistant of St. Mary's church, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he served eight years. After that he was pastor of St. Mary's church at South Covington, this state, and then went to Tarfield and Bloomfield, Connecticut. After two years there he returned to Hartford as pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole's parish, to which he ministered for eight years. Following that he went to St. Joseph's parish in South Norwalk, where he remained nearly eleven years, during which period he built the school and convent. From there Father Carroll came to the church of the Assumption at Westport, where he is rendering able and efficient service, stimulating all departments of the church work, besides which he has made many beautiful interior improvements on the church edifice and enhanced the appearance of the property.

The town of Westport was incorporated in 1835. On November 21, 1852, the holy sacrifice of the mass was offered for the first time in Westport, the celebrant being the Rev. John Brady, of Norwalk, and the chapel for the occasion was the Universalist church on Main street. The priests of Norwalk continued to serve the Catholics of Westport until a short time previous to its formation into a separate parish. In 1860 the church was built by the Rev. Dr. Mulligan and was dedicated August 15th of that year. When Rev. M. P. Lawlor began his pastorate at Fairfield, in January, 1876, he took charge also of Westport, but his pastorate was of short duration and at the end of it Westport was made an independent parish. The Rev. Patrick Keating was appointed the first resident pastor and in January, 1877, he purchased the pastoral residence, while among other material

works effected was the decoration of the church. Father Keating ministered to the Catholics of Westport until May 10, 1885, when the Rev. John H. Carroll was appointed his successor. Father Carroll's thirteen years of service were productive of very gratifying results, both materially and spiritually. For many years he served on the board of education, during at least a part of which time he was chairman of the board. He preached his farewell sermon October 9, 1898, going from here to the church of the Holy Trinity at Wallingford. He was succeded by Rev. James P. Ryle, who came here from Montville, and after him came Rev. Thomas Shanley, then Rev. J. Duggan, who was transferred to Blessed Sacrament parish, Bridgeport, in January, 1921, since which time Father Richard J. Carroll has ministered to the parish.

BENNETT NICHOLS BEARD

Throughout his entire life Bennett Nichols Beard has devoted his attention to contracting and to the building trades and is now president of the B. N. Beard Company, operating extensively in Shelton and other sections of Fairfield county. He was born in Shelton, August 2, 1871, and is a representative of one of the old families of the state. Early records mention Martha Beard, who came from England with her husband and five children and took up her abode in Milford, Connecticut, being one of the first settlers of that town. Tradition says that her husband's name was James and this is probably correct, as her eldest son was called James. The husband died on the ship Martin while on the voyage from England to America. Mrs. Beard was admitted to the First Congregational church of Milford, November 1, 1640. Through successive generations representatives of the Beard family have proven useful and loyal citizens of the state. Oliver Gould Beard, father of B. N. Beard, was a candidate for governor of Connecticut upon the prohibition ticket in 1890. He wedded Nancy M. Nichols and they became the parents of Bennett N. Beard, who in the acquirement of his education attended the local grade schools. When his textbooks were put aside he began learning the contracting and building business and has continued

in that field of labor to the present time, finding it congenial and also a substantial source of revenue. After working for others for a number of years, until he had gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business in its various phases, he began operating on his own account and in 1907 incorporated his interests under the name of the B. N. Beard Company, of which he has continuously been the president. The thoroughness of his work, his reliability and his enterprise have brought to him a liberal patronage.

In Shelton, Mr. Beard was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Jane Hubbell and they are parents of three children: Oliver Wells, Daniel Nichols and Edith Louise.

Mr. Beard gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and is keenly interested in public welfare and progress. He was first called to public office when he was made third selectman and in 1911 he was chosen for the office of first selectman. The same year he was made a representative to the state legislature and in the general assembly gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement. In 1923 he was elected mayor of Shelton, serving one term, and his administration was characterized by marked devotion to the general good. His has been an active, busy and useful life and his worth as a business man and citizen is attested by all with whom he has been associated.

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JONATHAN GROUT

Jonathan Grout, of the firm of Boardman & Grout, one of the leading law firms of Bridgeport, was born in Brooklyn, New York, March 17, 1892, and is a son of Edward M. and Ida L. (Loeschigk) Grout, also natives of that state. In the paternal line he traces his ancestry to the Revolutionary period in American history and is a direct descendant of Colonel Jonathan Grout, of Vermont, who was a member of the first United States congress. Edward M. Grout was president of the borough of Brooklyn and served for two terms as city comptroller of New York. He is a prominent lawyer of New York city and resides at Greens Farms.

Jonathan Grout was a pupil in the Morristown school of New Jersey, and the Hotchkiss school of Connecticut. He next entered Colgate University, from which he was graduated in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and afterward was a student at the New York Law School for two years. In 1916 he was admitted to the New York bar and in the fall of the same year came to Bridgeport. He was licensed to practice in Connecticut in 1917 and since 1921 has been associated with Judge William B. Boardman. From 1921 to 1925 Mr. Grout was judge of the town court of Fairfield and is now counsel for the town of Fairfield and also a director of the Fairfield Trust Company, both of which have benefited by his legal advice and acumen.

Judge Grout was married January 2, 1917, in Bridgeport to Miss Alice B. Pierce, by whom he has three sons: Jonathan DeWitt, Phillip D. and Thomas D. The family reside in Fairfield and Judge Grout's office is at No. 955 Main street in Bridgeport. He is a member of the State Bar Association, the University Club of Bridgeport, the Brooklawn Country Club and the Black Rock Yacht Club. He is a republican in politics and exerts his efforts in behalf of the party. In his profession he has made steady progress, his ability bringing him to the front.

CHARLES L. DENNIS

Strong, purposeful and self-reliant, Charles L. Dennis has fought life's battles alone and unaided and is now a successful mortician and prominent business man of Bridgeport. He is also furthering the city's progress along moral and spiritual lines and has aided in framing the laws of the state, demonstrating his public spirit by effective service for the general good.

A native of Ashley, Pennsylvania, he was born October 15, 1873, and is a son of Horace Smith and Eliza (Johnson) Dennis. The father was born in Foster, New York, in 1843. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of that conflict, being wounded in action. Subsequently he worked for a railroad and for some time was foreman in the shops at Ashley, Pennsylvania. After the death of his

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wife he went to Elizabethport, New Jersey, continuing in the same capacity, and there resided until his death in 1884. He was allied with the republican party and adhered to the Presbyterian faith. Mrs. Dennis was a daughter of Robert and Clarinda Johnson and a lifelong resident of Ashley. Her father was born in the northern part of Ireland and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Ashley, becoming a foreman in the mines of that locality, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife, who was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, also passed away in Ashley.

Charles L. Dennis was a pupil in the public schools of his native town until he reached the age of thirteen, when he was sent to the Soldiers Orphans School at Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom in 1889. When a youth of sixteen he returned to Ashley and obtained work with the Jersey Central Railroad, becoming a brakeman. He remained with that line until July, 1898, when he entered the service of the Long Island Railroad Company and assisted in the work of transporting soldiers for three months during the Spanish-American war. Afterward he returned to Ashley and in December, 1898, came to Bridgeport. For two years he was a brakeman for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and was then promoted to the position of conductor, which he filled for a similar period. His next promotion made him yardmaster and for sixteen years he acted in that capacity, exerting his best efforts in behalf of the road. On severing his connection with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, Mr. Dennis opened an undertaking establishment at No. 558 State street, later moving to No. 542 on the same thoroughfare, and since April 1, 1927, the Dennis Funeral Home has been located at No. 1046 Fairfield avenue. His son, Horace Smith Dennis, is a partner in the business, which is operated under the style of Charles L. Dennis & Son. Their establishment is equipped to render the utmost in service, and a large and rapidly increasing business is indicative of their status as funeral directors.

Charles L. Dennis was married June 16, 1896, in Ashley, Pennsylvania, to Miss Caroline James, who was born in England, but received her education in the public schools of Ashley. Her

parents, John R. and Hannah (Rutter) James, settled in that town on coming to the United States and there spent the remainder of their lives. The father was employed in the mines and exercised his right of franchise in support of the candidates of the republican party, while his religious views were in accord with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have two children. Their son, Horace Smith, was born in Ashley and served in the World war, acting as sergeant of his company. He went to France with the Sixth Regiment of Engineers, attached to the Third Division, and was gassed while at the front. He married Miss Bessie Carlson, of Bridgeport, and they have one child, Charles L. (II), who was born February 15, 1923. The daughter, Ruth, is the wife of Frank D'Arcy, who was also a member of the American Expeditionary Force and is now connected with the Bridgeport Brass Company. Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy have become the parents of a son, William D., who was born July 27, 1923.

Mr. Dennis belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, in which he has filled offices of trust and responsibility. He is a deputy supervisor of the Loyal Order of Moose and for sixteen years has been dictator of the lodge in Bridgeport. His Masonic affiliations are with Ashlar Lodge, No. 124, F. & A. M., Hamilton Commandery, K. T.; Lafayette Consistory, and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In the Eastern Star he served as patron and is connected with the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also identified with the Independent Order of Tigers, the Junior and Senior Orders of United American Mechanics, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Woodmen of the World, the Sons of St. George, the Daughters of Pocahontas, the Kiwanis Club and the American Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Mrs. Dennis is a member of the ladies auxiliary of the last named organization and is also connected with the White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Daughters of Rebekah. She is affiliated with the Washington Park Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Dennis is a member of its official board. He is president of the Federation of Men's Bible Classes for the city of Bridgeport and devotes much time to religious work, in which he is deeply interested. During the

World war he promoted the sale of Liberty bonds and also aided the Red Cross Society. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and during the session of 1920-21 he represented Bridgeport in the state legislature. He closely studied all of the measures brought before the house and espoused the moral side of every issue. His life has been crowned with success and fraught with the accomplishment of much good.

HIRAM KEELER SCOTT

The record of the growth and progress of Ridgefield is closely interwoven with the history of the Scott family, of which Hiram Keeler Scott was a distinguished member. A man of diversified talents and thorough dependability, he creditably filled many offices of trust and importance, displaying rare qualities as a public servant, and he was known and honored throughout Fairfield county. He was born April 24, 1822, in the town of Ridgefield, situated in Scotland district, which derived its name from the Scott family and he died November 9, 1909.

His grandfather, James Scott (II), was the owner of about four hundred acres of land in this section of the state and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. His standards of farming were high, and success attended his well directed labors. He had a family of nine children. Nathan, the eldest, was born September 12, 1781, and married Sally Burr, of Redding, Connecticut. Sally was born March 3, 1783, and became the wife of David Pulling. David, born March 20, 1785, married Betsy Burr, of Redding. Hezekiah, born December 25, 1789, first married Delia Foster, of Redding, and his second wife was Laura Odell, of Norwalk. James (III) was the next of the family. Smith was born November 1, 1794, and married Sally Burr, a daughter of Benjamin Burr. Timothy Olmsted, born January 12, 1797, married Betsey Seymour and attained the advanced age of ninety-four years. Lucretia, born January 15, 1801, became the wife of Halsted Hoyt, of South Salem, New York, and later of Scotland district, Fairfield county. Daniel Gould, the youngest child, was born April 13, 1803, and married Elizabeth Waterbury, of Stamford, Connecticut. Of these, James, David, Nathan, Hezekiah, Tim-

othy Olmsted and Lucretia resided in Scotland district and there passed away.

James Scott (III) was born April 2, 1792, and learned the silversmith's trade, which he followed until about 1840, when he turned his attention to the occupation of farming, in which he prospered, owning a productive, well developed tract of about fifty acres. He was a well informed man and a good citizen. His first wife was Sally Keeler, a daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Olmsted) Keeler of Ridgefield, and they had two children: Delia, who died at the age of two years; and Hiram Keeler, the subject of this sketch. The mother of these children died June 3, 1855, and Mr. Scott's second union was with Joanna Everett, a daughter of Charles Everett, of Brewster, New York. They were the parents of a son, James Everett, who was born in 1856 and became the owner of a large stock ranch comprising eight hundred acres of land in North Dakota, where he passed away.

Hiram K. Scott attended the common schools of his district until he was sixteen and at the age of nineteen he began teaching, following that profession for three winter terms. He then came to Ridgefield and on October 1, 1846, took charge of the village school, which he taught for three years. He was an earnest student and through close application and broad reading became well informed on many subjects. In 1849 he was appointed postmaster of the village and acted in that capacity for one term of four years. In 1868 he was returned to the office, in which he was retained until 1886, and was reappointed by President Cleveland, serving in all for twenty-eight years. It was in 1850, when he was twenty-eight years of age, that he was elected to the state legislature and was the youngest member, except one, in that body. He was elected on the whig ticket and served for one term. In 1852, after the close of his first term as postmaster, he was made town clerk and in 1854 was elected judge of the probate court. From 1852 to 1861 he was town clerk and in 1872 was again chosen for that position. His reelection as clerk on October 5, 1896, made the thirty-fourth time he had been chosen by the ballots of his fellow townsmen. His activities as probate judge covered a period of thirty-three years and nine months, at the close of which time he was barred from further service by the

seventy-year-age limitation. Afterward he acted as clerk of that court, discharging his duties with characteristic thoroughness, conscientiousness and efficiency, and the record which he established in public office has seldom been equaled. He also acted as trial justice for many years, and his decisions were always characterized by fairness and good judgment. His records are models of neatness and reveal the businesslike manner of his methodical, systematic life. In 1857 he opened a general store in Ridgefield and remained its proprietor until September 1, 1895, establishing a large trade by honest dealing and prompt, efficient, courteous service.

Mr. Scott was married three times. By his second wife, Lizzie M. Gorham, a daughter of David Gorham, of Westport, Connecticut, he had five children: Carrie, who was married in Ridgefield to Charles D. W. Taylor, but later they established their home in Denver, Colorado; Hiram K., Jr., who was born in 1869, and married Lottie A. Ellis, of Ridgefield; George G., born in 1871, who married Faustina Jennings and is serving as probate judge of Ridgefield; Gertrude Adams, who was born in 1872 and became the wife of William H. Farrelly, at that time a resident of New Milford, Connecticut, but later removed to Bristol, Rhode Island; and David Francis, who was born in 1879 and died in 1882. The mother of these children passed away in 1880. Mr. Scott's third union was with Mary J. Studwell, a daughter of John E. Studwell, of Ridgefield.

When a young man Mr. Scott joined the state militia and soon achieved prominence in military affairs. In 1843 he was made colonel of the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Connecticut Militia and remained in command until the militia of the state was succeeded by the National Guard. In 1862, during the Civil war, he organized a company of the National Guard in Ridgefield, becoming its captain, and thus served for five years. Turning his attention to transportation affairs, he was a leading spirit in the organization of the Ridgefield & New York Railroad in 1867 and for many years acted as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. Mr. Scott was always found in the vanguard of movements for the upbuilding and advancement of his district, and his fellow citizens had the utmost confidence in his probity and ability to carry forward to a successful termination anything that he undertook.

Deeply interested in religious affairs, Mr. Scott furthered the progress of his community along moral as well as material lines and for several years was treasurer of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, also serving as clerk of Central district, No. 6. He was a prominent Mason and in 1847 became a member of Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1859 he was chosen grand master of the Grand Lodge of the state and in that year was a delegate to the convention of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in Baltimore, Maryland, while he also attended the meeting of that body at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1860. In January, 1848, he was made a Free and Accepted Mason and was master of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 49, for fifteen years. He was also a member of Crusader Commandery, K. T., of Danbury and a worthy exemplar of the order. His influence for good deepened as he advanced in years and, judged by the standard of usefulness, the career of Hiram Keeler Scott was most successful. Generous alike in thought and deed, he possessed the simplicity and humility which ever mark real merit, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

WILLIAM B. GLOVER

William B. Glover, active in connection with business interests and public affairs in Newtown and his section of Fairfield county, made for himself a creditable position in public regard, enjoying the good will and confidence of those who knew him. He was born in Newtown and passed away in the year 1922. There were no exciting chapters in his life record but his course was marked by that fidelity to duty which makes for good citizenship and for personal worth. He became the superintendent of the Newtown Water Company and he also did a retail business in machinery. His devotion to the general welfare led to his selection for public office and he served both as first and third selectman and as assessor, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

William B. Glover was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Benedict.

Their son, Walter L. Glover, was born in Newtown, January 29, 1900, and acquired his education in the local schools, com-

pleting his studies in the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he began concentrating his efforts and attention upon the work of the old homestead farm, which he still conducts, and he is likewise the owner of an electrical and radio business in Newtown. His interests are wisely and carefully managed and substantial results accrue therefrom.

On the 23d of January, 1926, Mr. Glover was married at Ridgefield, Connecticut, to Miss Dorothy E. Haight, a daughter of Ernest V. and May Haight. Mr. Glover served in the United States navy, with which he was associated until November 26, 1919. He has filled the office of member of the board of assessors in Newtown and he is always loyal to the best interests of the community, giving his aid and support to those projects which he deems of vital worth in promoting the general welfare.

WILLIAM BURR SIMON

William Burr Simon is filling the office of postmaster at New Canaan, his native city. He was born August 13, 1873, a son of Robert and Josephine (Schemmel) Simon. The father, who was a veteran of the Civil war and was a merchant tailor by trade, died November 20, 1915. The mother is living in New Canaan at the age of eighty-eight years. The youth of William Burr Simon was largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education until he reached the age of thirteen years, when he started out to provide for his own support, working in the Five and Ten Cent Store, where he remained for a year. In 1890 he went to New York city, where he learned the plumber's trade, after which he returned to New Canaan and sought employment at his trade, which he followed in that way until 1898, when he established a plumbing business of his own. This he conducted successfully until April 1, 1913, when he began operating auto cabs, building up the business in New Canaan. In this he successfully continued until April, 1920, when he was called to public office. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his public spirit and his devotion to the general welfare, elected him warden of the borough in 1920 and thus he served until 1924. In the latter year he was appointed postmaster of New Canaan and has since occupied

the position, in which he is discharging his duties in a most efficient manner, giving prompt and courteous service to those who receive mail at this point. He also filled the office of burgess of the borough from 1907 until 1909 inclusive and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil.

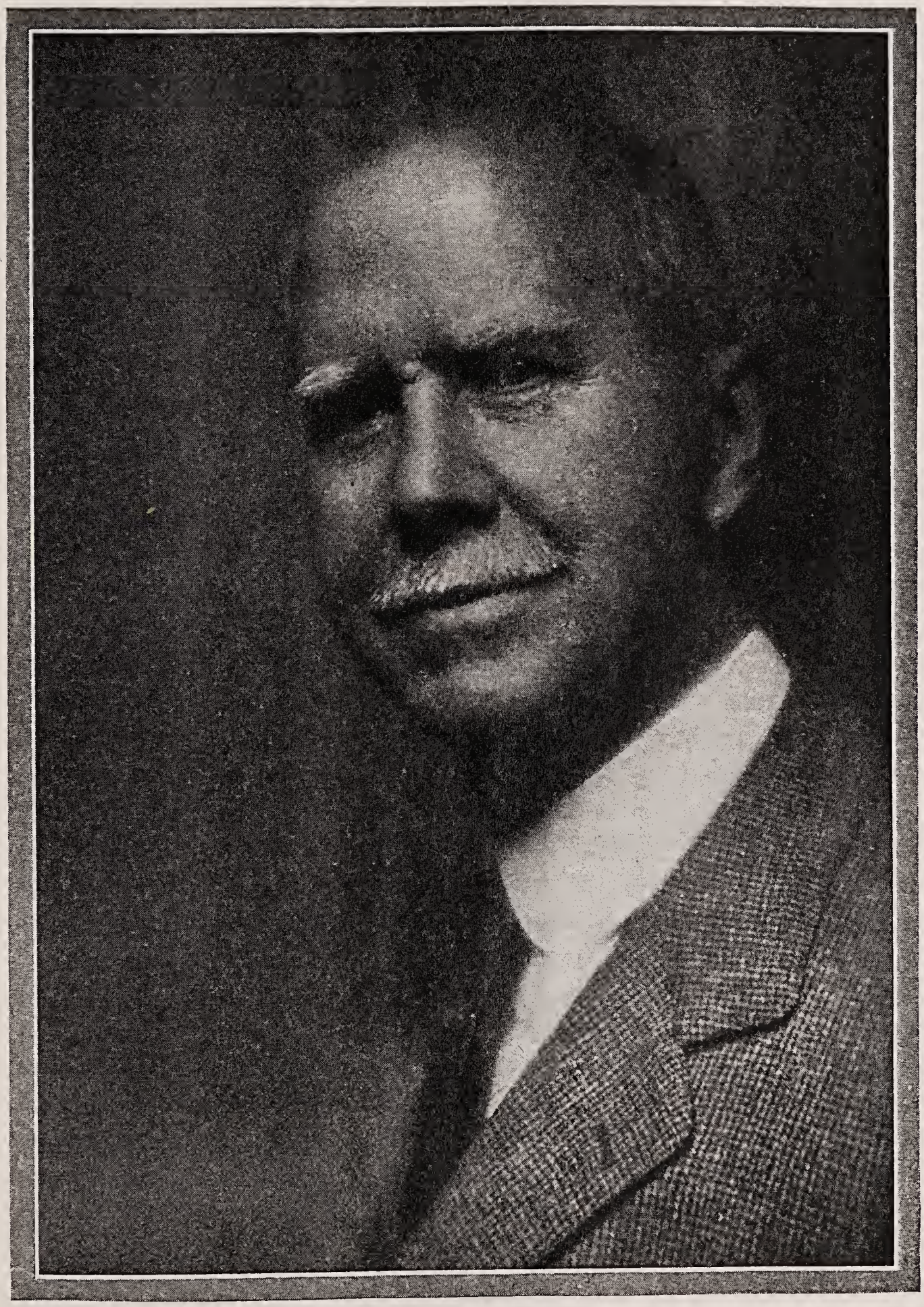
On the 7th of February, 1901, in New York city, Mr. Simon was married to Miss Margaret Lochmann, who died September 23, 1928. To them was born a son, William Harry, now a dental surgeon of Litchfield, Connecticut, who married Mary E. Mudd, and has a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

Mr. Simon has a military record in that he became a member of the New Canaan unit of the Home Guard known as Company H during the World war period. He enlisted for Home Guard service March 23, 1917, being the second one to enlist from the borough. This was characteristic of Mr. Simon, for he has ever been most loyal to the welfare and interests of community, commonwealth and country. Fraternally he is connected with Worcester Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he also has membership in the Order of American Men and the Connecticut and National Postmasters Associations. Practically his entire life has been passed in New Canaan, where his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

HON. JOHN HENRY LIGHT

The New York branch of the Light family, to which Judge John Henry Light belongs, is stated in the published genealogy of the family to have come to this district from the state of Maine, and to that locality from its English home. This is the record, in outline, of a distinguished member of the present day, whose standing in the law, in the public service, and in the world of letters reflects high credit upon a honorable name.

(I) David Light, grandfather of John Henry Light, was of Carmel, New York, and it was there that his death occurred. Tradition says that he served in the War of 1812 with the rank of captain.



HON. JOHN H. LIGHT

(II) Belden Light, son of David Light, was born in Carmel, New York, and in middle life removed to New Canaan, Connecticut. There, as well as in Carmel, he engaged in agricultural pursuits. While an upholder of republican principles, he was never a political worker. He married Ann Keenan, daughter of Owen Keenan. Their children were as follows: Mary E., who married Charles E. Hall, of South Norwalk; Owen Light, of Bridgeport, now deceased; John Henry, of this review; Frederick B., of Stamford; William, of New Canaan, Connecticut; Melinda, of Norwalk; Rodney, a general contractor of New Canaan; and two children who died young. The family were members of the Congregational church. Belden Light died in New Canaan.

(III) John Henry Light, son of Belden and Ann (Keenan) Light, was born March 27, 1855, in Carmel, New York, and was in his 'teens when the family removed to New Canaan. His early education was received in local public schools, and he afterward studied at the Chamberlain Institute of Randolph, New York, graduating in 1880. For several years thereafter he was engaged in teaching, at the same time pursuing the study of law, and in September, 1883, was admitted to the bar. His preceptor during his course of preparation was the Hon. Levi Warner, of Norwalk, former member of congress. From the time of his admission to the bar, Mr. Light has been engaged in the active practice of his profession. He is a member of the firm of Light, Dunbar & Quinlan, of which his son Freeman is also a member. His advancement was rapid, and he reached, at a comparatively early period in his career, the commanding position which he has so long held. For twenty-four years, from 1884 to 1908, he was corporation counsel of the old city of South Norwalk, the fact that he retained his office under both parties showing how great was the confidence inspired by his ability and character. From 1896 to 1900 he was prosecuting attorney for the criminal court of Fairfield county, an office for which he was peculiarly fitted by reason of his keen insight into the motives and merits of men.

In 1900 Mr. Light was made judge of the criminal court of common pleas, of Fairfield county, and the same qualities which had made him a leader of the bar found a wider sphere of action and attained greater development while he sat upon the bench.

When he retired in 1905 and his record passed into the history of the county, he was followed by the sincere gratitude, hearty approval, and profound respect of law-abiding citizens of all classes and every shade of political opinion. The principles advocated by the republican party have always been those to which Judge Light has given his undivided allegiance, and even as a young man he came to the front in their support. In 1898, in the state convention of his party, he nominated the Hon. George E. Lounsbury for governor, the speech in which he placed his name before the convention at once ranking him among the foremost orators of Connecticut. He served a term as county treasurer, and occupied a seat on the school board, also acting for many years as school visitor.

Higher honors and greater trusts awaited him and were not slow in seeking his acceptance. During the administration of Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, Mr. Light filled the office of attorney-general of the state, and in 1899 he was a member of the house of representatives, serving as house chairman of the committee on incorporations and constitutional amendments. In 1901 he was returned to the legislature, and was made speaker of the house. Times without number he has served as a delegate to conventions, and he has been constantly in demand as orator for Memorial Day services and on other patriotic occasions.

In August, 1881, Judge Light married Miss Ida M. Lockwood, a daughter of Henry D. and Harriet (Benedict) Lockwood of Stamford, both deceased. Mrs. Light passed away November 7, 1925, and their older son, Jay Irving, who was born April 23, 1885, died April 3, 1896. The only surviving child born to Judge and Mrs. Light is Freeman, who was born February 6, 1887, and was graduated from Norwich University and Yale Law College. He was admitted to the bar June 17, 1913, and has since been associated with his father in the practice of law, being a member of the firm of Light, Dunbar & Quinlan. He is now serving his third term in the state legislature; is a member of the judiciary committee, and is judge of the city court of Norwalk.

The interest taken by Judge Light in the welfare and progress of his home community has always been actively manifested, his desire to further these ends having induced him to accept many trusts and responsibilities. He is a director of the City National

Bank of South Norwalk and the South Norwalk Savings Bank. He affiliates with Old Well Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Butler Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand. Judge Light is a member of the Congregational church of South Norwalk, and for several years he served as a member of the business committee.

The jurist, the public-spirited citizen and the orator—all these phases of Judge Light's many-sided nature are strongly marked. But there is yet another side of his nature almost as dominant, and nearly if not quite as well known to the world as any of these. That is the literary side. Rarely, indeed, is there found a man whose intellectual development is so symmetrical as to render him capable of interpreting Blackstone and Kent and also of communing with poets, philosophers and scholars, from Plato to Spencer, and from Homer to Browning, but in these directions Judge Light's tastes run. Convincing, brilliant, fair and logical as a pleader, he is equally so as a lecturer, and the platform knows him nearly as well as the courtroom. His private library comprises six thousand volumes, and for many years he has been a close student of Shakespeare. Among those of his lectures which have attracted the most profound and widespread attention are "The Men of Shakespeare," "The Women of Shakespeare," and "Shakespeare's Religion." His lectures on Owen Meredith and George Eliot are scarcely less remarkable. It might naturally be supposed that, in describing character, Judge Light would excel chiefly in portraying the nature of men, but those who have read or listened to his lectures can testify to his analysis of the feminine nature as equalling if not surpassing his interpretation of the masculine. His lecture on "The Women of Shakespeare" is held by good judges as exceptionally fine. Judge Light has made a number of lecture tours.

The impress which John Henry Light has placed upon his day and generation is both enduring and widespread. As jurist, public official, orator and scholar, he has been largely instrumental in influencing, shaping and modifying the laws of Connecticut and their administration, and has molded public sentiment regarding questions of government and political reform. He has

assisted to an unusual degree in the advancement of general culture, and in inspiring an interest in literature and philosophy, and his work along these different lines will live and bear fruit in the years to come.

ALBERT W. TREMAIN

A forceful executive, rich in experience and endowed with a capacity for successful management, Albert W. Tremain occupies a central place on the stage of activity in Bridgeport, which numbers him among its foremost bankers and most valuable citizens. He was born in Rome, New York, May 5, 1872, a son of Sylvester F. and Julia (Barnes) Tremain, and was there reared and educated, graduating from the Rome Free Academy in the class of 1889 with oratorical honors. His start in life was gained as a clerk in the Central National Bank of Rome, which he entered in March, 1890, and was rapidly advanced through its various departments. In January, 1895, he joined the clerical force of the Oneida County Savings Bank of Rome and served it faithfully for sixteen years, gradually assuming heavier responsibilities. In April, 1911, he severed his relations with the bank, of which he was secretary, treasurer and a director at that time, and then went to New York city, associating himself with Douglas Fenwick & Company, bankers.

Mr. Tremain was with that house until August, 1912, when he came to Bridgeport as secretary-treasurer and a director of the American Bank & Trust Company, which had its inception in that year. He filled those offices until 1920 and has since been president of the corporation. Its resources have steadily increased, and its facilities have expanded to keep pace with the requirements of a constantly growing clientele. In 1919, when the Commercial Bank & Trust Company of Bridgeport was organized, Mr. Tremain was elected its president and is still at the head of the institution, whose growth he has fostered by judicious management and close attention to detail. Since its formation in 1924 he has been president of the American Commercial Company of Bridgeport, which has also prospered under his expert administration. He is also a director of the Federal

Building & Loan Association of this city. He has the unfailing energy and mental alertness of the man of large affairs, and his associates have the utmost confidence in his judgment and integrity.

Mr. Tremain was married September 3, 1896, in Delta, New York, to Miss Jennie Emma Harrington, by whom he has three children: Albert B., S. Frank and Alice H. Mr. and Mrs. Tremain reside at No. 313 Post road in Fairfield and are affiliated with the Presbyterian church. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and heartily cooperates in all movements for the advancement of his community. During the World war he was a member of the Liberty Loan committee, and as an officer of the American Bank & Trust Company he had charge of its Liberty Loan subscriptions. At the time of the issue of the first Liberty Loan this bank, which was but five years old, had only a small clerical force and most of the three thousand, one hundred and twenty-two subscriptions, amounting to two hundred and fifty-five thousand, five hundred dollars, were received in the last three days of the campaign. The subscriptions steadily increased and during the fourth Liberty Loan the bank received six thousand, five hundred and thirty-five, amounting to six hundred and twenty-three thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Tremain is a member of the Algonquin Club, and his Masonic connections are with Ashlar Lodge, No. 124, F. & A. M., and Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Bridgeport. He is a man of wide outlook and keen sagacity, at his best in solving intricate financial problems, and fills an important place in the life of his city.

ARTHUR J. CROWE

Arthur J. Crowe, a well known representative of the business interests of Sandy Hook, where he is conducting a general mercantile establishment, was born in Bethel, Connecticut, March 21, 1881, and is a son of Michael and Anna (Ryan) Crowe. In the acquirement of his education he attended the local schools and afterward entered Stillman's Business College at Danbury, Connecticut. Interested somewhat in the drug business and thinking

perhaps to devote his time and attention to that line of mercantile activity, he matriculated in the New York College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. He was then employed for a year along that line in New York city and also worked in a pharmacy at Carmel, New York, for one year. On the expiration of that period he went to Torrington, Connecticut, in 1903 and there remained until 1904, when he removed to Waterbury, Connecticut, but in September of the same year came to Newtown, where he entered the employ of Betts & Betts, well known druggists, who later sold out to C. H. Finch. Mr. Crowe then remained in the employ of Mr. Finch until 1909, when he purchased the business and property and formed a partnership with Martin A. Corbett. They have since conducted a general store and pharmacy and both branches of their business are proving profitable, for the owners are progressive in spirit and enterprising in their methods and are putting forth every effort to please their customers, recognizing that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. Their trade is steadily growing and to the successful conduct of the business Mr. Crowe has brought wide experience and thorough training.

In September, 1924, in Bethel, Connecticut, Mr. Crowe was married to Miss Elizabeth Blake. They have won many friends in Sandy Hook and this section of Fairfield county and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by all who know them.

EDWARD J. FINN, M. D.

Dr. Edward J. Finn, a representative member of the medical fraternity in Fairfield county, has been successfully engaged in practice at Shelton during the past sixteen years. He was born in Derby, New Haven county, Connecticut, on the 1st of January, 1888, a son of Thomas and Catherine Finn. His preliminary education was supplemented by a high school course at Shelton, which he completed with the class of 1905, and his professional training was received in the School of Medicine of Yale University, which in 1910 conferred upon him the M. D. degree. Three years later, in 1913, he opened an office in Shelton, where he has

remained to the present time and has built up an enviable practice as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in his chosen field. He is serving on the staff of Griffin Hospital and is also resident physician for the Shelton Looms, one of the largest weaving concerns in the country. Through his membership in the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association he keeps thoroughly conversant with the most advanced thought and methods of the profession.

On the 2d of April, 1913, in New York city, Dr. Finn was united in marriage to Louise Goetz, and they have become parents of three sons: Edward C., Thomas D. and William S.

A stanch supporter of the democratic party and an active worker in its local ranks, Dr. Finn has rendered effective public service as a member of the borough board, the school board and the board of burgesses and also in the capacity of health officer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Derby and also with the Knights of Columbus. He enjoys high standing among his professional colleagues and contemporaries and is widely recognized as one of the able physicians and valued citizens of his community.

ERNEST J. BROWN

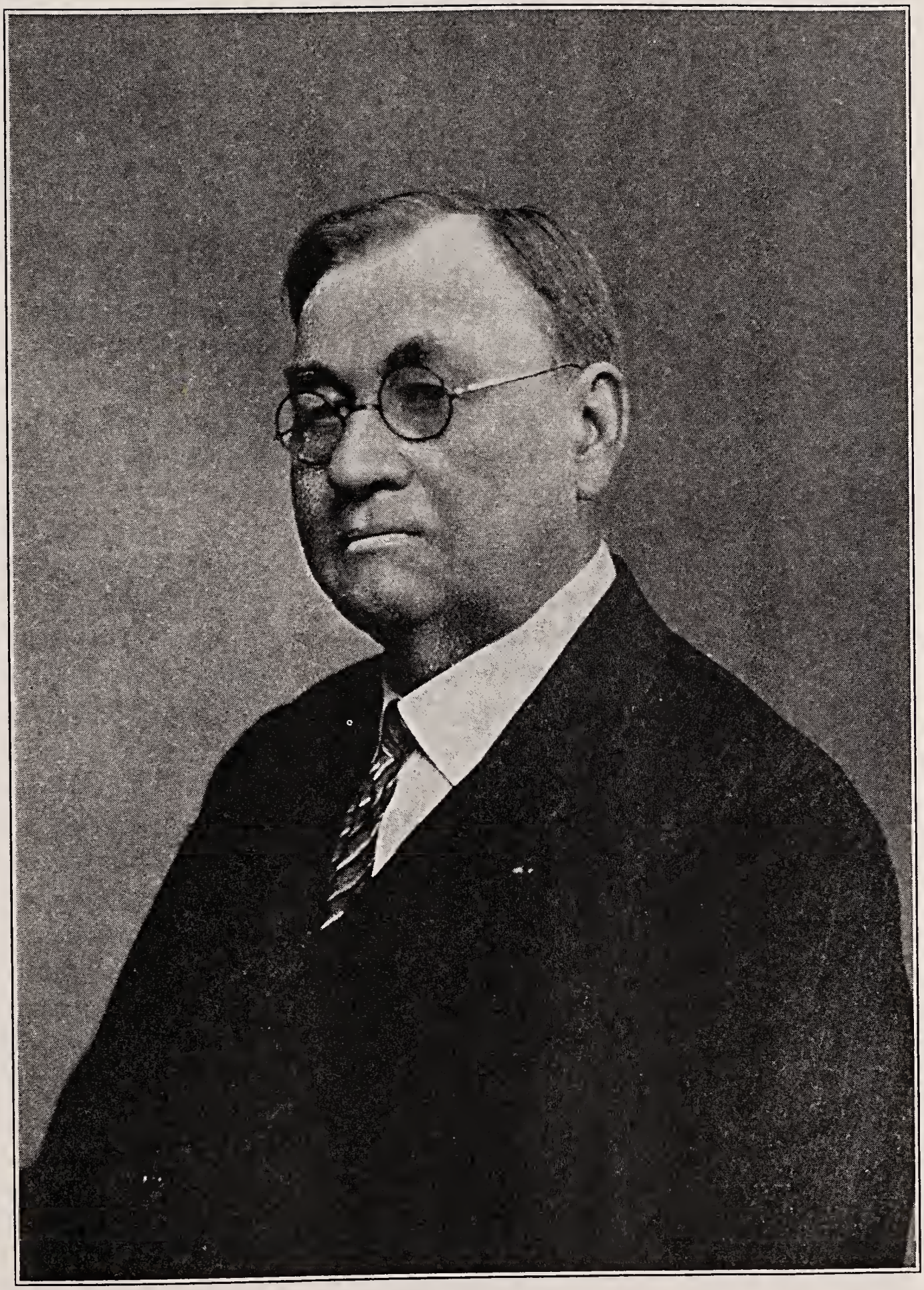
On the roster of public officials in Fairfield county appears the name of Ernest J. Brown, who has most acceptably filled the position of town clerk of New Canaan since his election in 1926 and who has also built up an extensive patronage as a dealer in meats and provisions under the name of The E. J. Brown Company. He was born at Poundridge, in Westchester county, New York, on the 18th of August, 1873, his parents being Charles F. and Lydia (Selleck) Brown. He acquired his education in the schools of New Canaan, Connecticut, and after putting aside his textbooks here turned his attention to the butchering business, in which he has been engaged continuously to the present time. As above stated, he is now at the head of a successful enterprise conducted under the name of The E. J. Brown Company. During the period of the World war he was employed at Hog island.

His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, chose him for the office of town clerk of New Canaan in 1926, and in this capacity he is now serving, making a most creditable record for efficiency and fidelity in the discharge of his duties.

On the 1st of January, 1904, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Emelie C. Thode. He is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to Worcester Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Red Men and the Maccabees of New Canaan. Throughout the community in which he has always resided Mr. Brown enjoys an enviable reputation as a representative citizen and business man and has a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

WALTER GRANGER AUSTIN

Identified with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford for over a third of a century, Walter Granger Austin now holds the responsible position of assistant to one of the plant superintendents of the corporation. He was born in Winsted, Litchfield county, Connecticut, December 9, 1853, his parents being William H. and Elizabeth R. (Canfield) Austin. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Austin, was born at Wallingford, New Haven county, Connecticut, in 1760, and followed the profession of school teaching in early life, while subsequently he was keeper of the toll gate at Nepaug, in the town of New Hartford, Connecticut. He fought with the colonists in the Revolutionary war and was taken prisoner at the fall of Fort Washington in 1777. He was a whig in politics and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Both he and his wife, whose name was Susanna Goodwin and who was born at Harwinton, Connecticut, passed away at Nepaug, this state. Susanna Goodwin was a direct descendant of Ozias Goodwin, progenitor of the name in Connecticut, who was born in 1596 and died in 1683. He wedded Mary Woodward and they had a son, William Goodwin, who was born in 1629 and passed away in 1689. William Goodwin was the father of Nathaniel Goodwin, who served as a deacon of the first church in Hartford, Connecticut, from 1734



WALTER G. AUSTIN

until his death in 1747. Nathaniel Goodwin was the grandfather of Susanna Goodwin. William H. Austin, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Goodwin) Austin and father of Walter G. Austin, was born at Harwinton, February 14, 1814, and died at Canton, Connecticut, in 1891. He was a blacksmith by trade, gave his political support to the democratic party and was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His wife, who was born at Sandisfield, Massachusetts, in 1824, died at Winsted, Connecticut, in November, 1861.

Walter G. Austin pursued his education in the district schools of his native state and after putting aside his textbooks engaged in farming until twenty-four years of age. Subsequently he spent seven years in the plant of a novelty manufacturing concern at Bristol, Connecticut, and thereafter entered the employ of P. & F. Corbin, manufacturers of builders' hardware at New Britain, this state, with whom he remained for eight years. On the 14th of April, 1894, he entered the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford in the capacity of foreman. That his services have been satisfactory and efficient is indicated by the fact that they have been retained by the corporation through the intervening period of thirty-five years and that he is now holding the position of assistant to one of the plant superintendents.

On the 14th of December, 1882, in Bristol, Connecticut, Mr. Austin was united in marriage to Miss Annette Augusta Wright, who was born July 9, 1857, and was a daughter of Charles Gale and Sarah F. (Stone) Wright. Her father, a native of Cheshire, Connecticut, was a tinsmith by trade and served in the Civil war as a member of the Sixteenth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a devoted member of the Missionary Baptist church. His death occurred at the Soldiers' Home at Noroton, Connecticut. His wife, Mrs. Sarah F. (Stone) Wright, a native of Farmington, this state, died January 31, 1895, in Bristol, Connecticut. Their daughter, Mrs. Annette Augusta (Wright) Austin, pursued her education in the public schools of Bristol. She passed away in the faith of the Baptist church on the 8th of June, 1928, her death occurring in Stamford. By her marriage she had a daughter, Bernice E. Austin, born in New Britain, Connecticut, April 14,

1889, who is the wife of Ralph G. Irvine, an electrician of Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine are the parents of two children, Ralph G., Jr., and Mary Jane.

Mr. Austin gave his political support to the democratic party until the presidential election of 1928 and has taken an active part in public affairs. He served on the common council for a four-year period beginning in 1909 and was mayor of Stamford from January 1, 1913, until January 1, 1915, giving to the city a most progressive and businesslike administration. Moreover, he made a commendable record as a member of the city park board for six years and as a member of the town board of finance for four years. During the period of the World war he was active in the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. Fraternally Mr. Austin is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to the following bodies: Franklin Lodge No. 56, F. & A. M., of Bristol, Connecticut; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; and Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M. of Stamford, Connecticut. He is likewise identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, being past great sachem in the latter. He is also a member of the Fraternal Aid Society and of the Yale & Towne Mutual Benefit Association and attends the Congregational church. Motoring and gardening are his favorite forms of diversion. Though he has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, Mr. Austin is still an active factor in the world's work and his course has been such as has commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

SAMUEL ROODNER

Starting out in life empty-handed, Samuel Roodner has been both the architect and builder of his fortunes, and his tireless energy and pronounced ability have placed him with Norwalk's foremost business men. A native of Russia, he was born June 9, 1876, a son of Elwood and Anna Roodner, and received a public school education there. In 1893, when a youth of seventeen, he responded to the call of adventure and came to the United States, locating in Norwalk a year later. He secured the position of

clerk in a grocery store situated near the building now occupied by the firm of Crofut & Knapp, and was thus employed for nine months, receiving a monthly stipend of five dollars. Through self-denial and rigid economy he accumulated a small capital and with this he purchased a stock of groceries. He prospered from the start and was engaged in business for fifteen years under his own name. On the expiration of that period he sold out and transferred his activities to South Norwalk, becoming a wholesale dealer in grain and flour. This enterprise he successfully continued under the style of Samuel Roodner until 1922, when he sold to the Roodner Feed Company. Prior to this he was actively engaged in the real estate business and through his energy, foresight and keen judgment has contributed materially toward the city's growth and improvement. In association with John Cavanagh and others, he erected the beautiful and exclusive Royal James Hotel of Norwalk; also constructed many other large and imposing edifices, and in fact Mr. Roodner has completely rebuilt the city. He is its largest taxpayer. He developed beautiful Compo Beach, a popular summer resort, where thousands gather to enjoy the fine bathing. Endowed with rare judgment and keen powers of discernment, he has avoided the many pitfalls into which unrestricted progressiveness is so frequently led and focused his energies in directions where fruition is certain.

In 1897 Mr. Roodner was married in Stamford, Connecticut, to Miss Rose Levine, and they have become the parents of a daughter, Bertha May, who is now the wife of Arthur Terris, the owner of the Rialto Theater of South Norwalk.

Mr. Roodner is a director of the Norwalk Hospital Association, a member of Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce and the Norwalk Kiwanis Club, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Enterprising, forceful and resourceful, he has registered achievement in every line of activity which has engaged his attention. His carefully formulated plans have crystallized into realities and upon the enduring foundation of honor and integrity he has reared the fair fabric of his successful career. To gain material prosperity and even to spread it among others is not sufficient to satisfy a good citizen of the

type of Mr. Roodner, who believes that he owes a higher duty to his community that cannot be delegated to others—the duty of furthering civic and general advancement along the broad lines of human uplift and betterment.

HERBERT O. POLLARD

Herbert O. Pollard, long and successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Norwalk, is also a prominent factor in public affairs of the community, having in October, 1927, been elected to the office of city treasurer. He was born in Norwalk, Fairfield county, Connecticut, July 19, 1879, a son of David and Agnes A. (Orcutt) Pollard. The surname of Pollard belongs to the class of names derived from location. It is found at a very early date in England, particularly in Yorkshire. It was an ancient custom in that country, previous to the time of the general adoption of surnames, to assume a name either from an occupation, a personal characteristic or the location of the ancestral home. After the thirteenth century, when surnames came into universal use, these names were retained. Many trees in England, bordering lands, were "polled"; that is, the tops cut off, and they were called "pollards." A dweller near such trees would be known as John of the Pollard, which gradually became John Pollard, and it was in this manner that the surname of Pollard originated. In the annals of Connecticut there have been several representatives of this name, and they are found among the foremost citizens.

The grandfather of Herbert O. Pollard was John Pollard, and he was born in 1818, and died in 1887. He learned the trade of finisher in the textile mills in England, and after locating in Norwalk, Connecticut, followed his trade there for a time in the plant of the Norwalk Mills Company. Mr. Pollard in later years went to Iowa and there purchased a farm at French Creek. He married Sarah Buckley, who was born in 1816, and died in 1903.

David Pollard, son of John and Sarah (Buckley) Pollard, was born in Yorkshire, England, January 20, 1841, and died November 7, 1917. He was only two years of age when his parents brought him to America. For many years he was employed by

the Norwalk Mills Company, of Norwalk, in whose plant he rose to be foreman of the finishing department, a position he held for many years, until his retirement from active business life in 1911. Mr. Pollard was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the following bodies: St. John's Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., of Norwalk; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport. Mr. Pollard married Agnes A. Orcutt, daughter of John D. and Terza (French) Orcutt. Mrs. Pollard was a descendant of one of the early families of Connecticut and her mother, Terza French, was descended from Peregrine White, of the "Mayflower."

Herbert O. Pollard, son of David and Agnes A. (Orcutt) Pollard, attended the grammar and high schools of Norwalk and subsequently entered the employ of the Norwalk Mills Company to learn the business. His practical experience there was followed by a course at the Philadelphia Textile School, after which time he returned to the mills with increased knowledge and ability. He rose to the position of assistant superintendent and continued with the company until about 1905. In the latter year he resigned in order to enter business on his own account in the real estate field. He formed a partnership with William H. Raymond, under the firm name of Raymond & Pollard, and they conducted a general real estate and insurance business. This partnership continued until 1914, in which year Mr. Pollard took over the entire interest. He has won success in his business and is well known among Norwalk's leading citizens. He is one of the corporators of the Fairfield County Savings Bank.

In early manhood Mr. Pollard was united in marriage to Grace Chittim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Chittim, of Norwalk, both of whom were born in England. They are the parents of three children: Ernest Orcutt, who was born March 18, 1910, is now a student at the University of Pennsylvania and has displayed marked musical talent; Verna Grace, born April 24, 1912, who is attending the Norwalk high school; and Marjorie Raymond, born December 22, 1914, who is a student in the Hillside private school of Norwalk.

With his family Mr. Pollard attends Grace Protestant Episcopal church of Norwalk; is an active member of the Men's Club

of that church, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is naturally gifted with a very fine tenor voice and sings in the choir of the church. This talent has also been inherited by other members of his family, from his grandmother Orcutt no doubt, she being an alto singer, who sang in many churches during her lifetime. Mr. Pollard's mother was an alto singer also, and taught piano. His brother, David Pollard, is the organist of Grace Protestant Episcopal church in Norwalk, and his sister, Laura J. Pollard, is a member of the choir in that church, singing soprano, and is also a teacher of voice.

Mr. Pollard takes an active interest in affairs of a public nature and is affiliated with several fraternal organizations and clubs. He belongs to Norwalk Kiwanis Club, the Norwalk Club, and the Norwalk Country Club, being a director of the last named. He is a member of Cockenoe Tribe, No. 6, Improved Order of Red Men, and is president of the Red Men's Corporation. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to the following bodies: St. John's Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M.; Washington Council, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., which he joined December 31, 1920; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is likewise a member of the Eastern Star and is past regent and collector of the Royal Arcanum. In politics Mr. Pollard is a stanch republican. He is a member of the town republican committee and for many years has served as a justice of the peace. In October, 1927, he was elected to the office of city treasurer, in which capacity he is making a most creditable and commendable record.

MRS. ALICE F. HAYWARD

Mrs. Alice F. Hayward, of Bethel, to whom belongs the unique distinction of being America's only woman hat manufacturer, has achieved success because she has worked for it, and worked hard and intelligently. She refused to become discouraged when things appeared to be breaking the wrong way, but wisely determined to capitalize her misfortune and turn it to her advantage. This required courage, persistence and clear headed judgment.

That she possesses these essential business qualities has been abundantly proven in the outcome of her efforts, and today she is in command of a prosperous and steadily growing business.

Mrs. Hayward was born in Lancashire, England, and was reared and educated in her home neighborhood. In 1905 she became the wife of James Hayward, also a native of England and a hatter by trade. He was a highly skilled workman, being particularly adept at coloring, and was employed for a number of years in some of the foremost shops of that country. A few years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hayward loaned a considerable amount of their savings to an acquaintance, who came to Bethel, Connecticut, and established a factory for the coloring of silk to be used by the United States government in the making of its paper money. This enterprise was not successful and, in order to protect their interests, it became necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Hayward to buy the plant, including a building. It looked for the time being as though they had assumed a burden that would be difficult to carry, but they decided to leave no stone unturned to retrieve what looked like a probable loss. A portion of the building was rented for a hat factory and, as Mr. Hayward had had some experience in the tanning of skins, they equipped the unoccupied portion of the building for the production of hat leathers, it being necessary for them to borrow money for this purpose, in the securing of which they had some difficulty. At this time they were fortunate in securing a competent and experienced leather man as manager in the person of H. C. Woods, who quickly proved his worth and who has been associated with the business continuously to the present time. A few years later the hat factory moved out of the building and, confronted with the problem as to how best to utilize the vacant space, they decided to change their line of business and engage in the manufacture of hats. Their initial effort in that line was in the making of beaver strips, for which there was at that time considerable demand in the millinery trade. In the course of time they enlarged the scope of their operations by installing machinery for the manufacture of hat bodies in the rough. At first they made men's hats, later turned to the making of ladies' hats in the rough, but eventually returned to men's hats in the rough, to the manufacture of which they are still devoting their

attention. One of the most remarkable features in connection with Mrs. Hayward's entering the hat manufacturing business was that, though practically ignorant of the technical process of felting, which is known as a difficult art to master, she acquired a thorough understanding of the process through her personal experiments with mixtures of furs, appearing to have a natural aptitude for the art and a quick understanding of the properties, treatment and manipulation of hatters' furs. Her only previous experience in handling hats had been gained during a short period of work in the trimming department of one of the local hat factories in Bethel, which experience really was of little value to her in her later work. Such, in brief, is the story of the inception and development of what has become one of Bethel's important and prosperous industrial concerns and in the business circles of Fairfield county Mrs. Hayward is regarded as a business woman of exceptional ability, resourcefulness and dependable judgment.

Mrs. Hayward's hobby is the raising of pigs, in which she finds her chief diversion from the routine of business. During the late war she raised hundreds of these animals and has been very successful in the raising and marketing of them. A woman of strong character, attractive personality and gracious manner, she has won a large circle of warm and devoted friends throughout this locality and is greatly esteemed by all who know her.

ANSON FOSTER KEELER

Anson Foster Keeler is the present efficient and popular mayor of Norwalk, where he has resided for more than a quarter of a century and where he is the proprietor of the largest laundry establishment in southwestern Connecticut. In addition to this he has a long and honorable record of service in the World war. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, September 22, 1887, a son of John Foster and Mary Gazella (Foster) Keeler. In olden days one of the commonest ways of identifying a man was according to his occupation. In this manner the name of Keeler originated. Its source is obvious. It refers to the man who laid the keels of vessels and perhaps helped to construct other parts.

ANSON F. KEELER

Ralph Keeler, the immigrant ancestor of this family, was in Hartford, Connecticut, as early as 1639, and was a first settler of Norwalk, Connecticut. He was chimney viewer in 1645, and purchased lands in September, 1666. He was a carpenter and builder, and was engaged in building many of the early houses. His will was dated August 20, 1672. The name of his second wife was Sarah Whelpley, widow of Henry Whelpley, of Norwalk.

Samuel Keeler, son of Ralph Keeler, was born in 1656, in Norwalk, and died in 1713. He served in the Great Swamp fight, receiving in return a bounty of land in Norwalk. He became one of the original proprietors of Ridgefield, Connecticut, holding the grant to the lower part of the town. He married, in 1682, Sarah, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) Sention (St. John), of Norwalk. She died in 1714.

Timothy Keeler, son of Samuel and Sarah (Sention or St. John) Keeler, was born in 1695, in Norwalk, and settled in Ridgefield. His will was dated August 30, 1748, and was proved September 22, 1748. He married (first), in 1720, Abigail Osborne, who died in 1735. He married (second), in 1736, Widow Sarah Couch.

Timothy Keeler (II) was born in 1721, and settled in Ridgefield. He married (first), in 1744, Mary Hoyt, who died in 1777. He married (second), in 1780, Widow Hannah Dunning, and in 1799 he passed away.

Jeremiah Keeler, son of Timothy and Mary (Hoyt) Keeler, was born in 1760, in Ridgefield, and as a youth witnessed Tryon's attack on his native village. So moved was he by the heartrending spectacle that he immediately enlisted in the Continental service and served to the close of the war. As orderly-sergeant under General Lafayette he was present at the siege of Yorktown, and was one of the first to scale the breastworks under a murderous fire. In recognition of his bravery he was presented by General Lafayette with a sword which is still in the possession of his descendants. Orderly-Sergeant Keeler married Huldah Hull, and settled in South Salem, New York. He died in 1853.

John Ely Keeler, son of Jeremiah and Hulda (Hull) Keeler, was born May 16, 1810. For many years he was established in business in Brooklyn under the firm name of J. E. Keeler & Son,

Automatic Steam Carpet Cleaning. He married (first), May 14, 1839, in Troy, New York, Almira Chapman, who died in 1848. He married (second), Mary Elizabeth Foster, who died in 1891, in Brooklyn. Mr. Keeler passed away at the same place in 1892. He was a prominent member of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian church.

John Foster Keeler, son of John Ely and Mary Elizabeth (Foster) Keeler, was born December 18, 1854, in Flushing, Long Island, New York. He received his preparatory education at a boarding school in New Canaan, Connecticut, later graduating from the University of the City of New York with the degree of Civil Engineer. He never, however, entered upon the practice of his profession, preferring to associate himself with his father in the latter's carpet cleaning business. Mr. Keeler, senior, operated a carpet cleaning plant and storage warehouse in Brooklyn, and his son made it the business of his life. In politics he was an active republican, representing the twenty-first ward of Brooklyn in the New York legislature. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge, F. & A. M., of Brooklyn, and had also taken the Royal Arch degrees. Mr. Keeler married Mary Gazella Foster, who was born April 13, 1856, in Stonington, Connecticut, her parents being Anson and Mary (Atwater) Foster. John Foster and Mary Gazella (Foster) Keeler became the parents of the following children: Harold, who died at the age of nine years; Helen De Forest, born June 26, 1884, who married Walter McLaren, M. D., of Brooklyn, and has two children, Anson Austin and Donald; Anson Foster, of this review. The family were members of the Congregational church. John Foster Keeler died July 3, 1902.

Anson Foster Keeler, whose name introduces this article, received his education in public schools of his native city. At the age of fifteen he came to Norwalk, where for some years he was variously employed. In 1910 he entered the service of Armour & Company, and for six years remained with them as a salesman. In February, 1916, he formed a partnership with Alvin R. Heerdt under the firm name of the Norwalk Steam Laundry. Later they bought out Lowe's Laundry, consolidating the business with their own, and in December, 1919, they purchased the Old Well Laundry. They are now the proprietors of the largest steam laundry

in southwestern Connecticut, perfectly sanitary in every department, and having the most complete and modern equipment. Their patronage is not confined to Norwalk, but extends to neighboring towns. Their present flourishing condition is largely due to the tireless energy and sound business judgment of Mr. Keeler, who from the day of his first connection with the concern has, with the exception of his period of military service, labored strenuously for the upbuilding and maintenance of the business.

When the United States entered the World war, Mr. Keeler was among the first to respond to the call to arms, enlisting July 10, 1917, in the Sixth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Connecticut National Guard. On July 15th they went to Fort Terry, New York, remaining until January 4, 1918, when they proceeded to the Third Officers' Training School, Camp Upton. On April 19, 1918, they left there for Camp Gordon, Mr. Keeler then holding the rank of sergeant. At Camp Gordon, on June 6, 1918, he received his commission as second lieutenant, and on July 18th left for overseas duty. Lieutenant Keeler went over with a replacement company, landing in Liverpool, August 3d, and soon after going to France. From Cherbourg they proceeded to St. Aigman, where the company was taken from the officers, and Lieutenant Keeler was assigned to Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-first Infantry, Sunset Division (Forty-first). He was with them until September 26th, when he was ordered to report to the Sixth Army Corps Replacement Battalion. There he remained until November 3d, going then to the Sixth Army Corps as assistant corps gas officer. They moved into Luxembourg on December 24th, and Mr. Keeler was then transferred to Headquarters Troop, Sixth Army Corps. He remained there until April 28, 1919, when he started for home, landing in Boston, May 27, 1919, and receiving his discharge at Camp Dix in June, 1919.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Keeler are numerous. He is past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., and affiliates with Washington Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., all of Norwalk; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport; Bridgeport Council Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport; the Arab Patrol; Monker Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; and Ophir Chapter, No. 52, O. E. S. He has

served as district deputy of the first Masonic district for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He also belongs to Cockenoe Tribe, No. 32, Improved Order of Red Men; Frank C. Godfrey Post, No. 12, American Legion; Military Order of Foreign Wars, Hartford Chapter; National Sojourners Hartford, Chapter No. 56; and Mulvoy-Tarlov Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Long a prominent factor in public affairs, Mr. Keeler was elected city treasurer of Norwalk in 1921 and made a most creditable and commendable record during his six years' service in that position. He was then elected to the mayoralty in 1927 and is giving to the city a most progressive and businesslike administration characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. He stands for all those things which count for most in the city's upbuilding and has never lost sight of those high principles which should govern man in the varied relations of life.

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HORACE BEACH MERWIN

Horace Beach Merwin, first vice president of the Bridgeport Trust Company, was born September 26, 1888, in this city, a son of Orange and Mary C. (Beach) Merwin, who were also natives of Connecticut. Orange Merwin was a member of the firm of Marsh, Merwin & Lemmon, owners of a large bank in Bridgeport, and served as vice president of the Bridgeport Trust Company, of which he was one of the organizers. In addition he was president of the Bridgeport Land & Title Company and aided materially in promoting the financial stability of the city. His life in its various phases bore the test of intimate knowledge and close association, and he enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. His death occurred in 1907, and his wife passed away in 1912.

Horace B. Merwin was a pupil in the public schools of Bridgeport and next attended the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, graduating with the class of 1908. His education was completed in Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1911, and he then entered the employ of the Bridgeport Trust Company in a minor capacity. His ability and conscientious application resulted in repeated promo-

tions and at length he became secretary of the Bridgeport Trust Company. In 1919 he was made one of its vice presidents and in 1927 was elected first vice president. He is president of the Morris Plan Bank of Bridgeport, the Fairfield Trust Company and the Penfield Reef Corporation; vice president of the Investors Mortgage & Guarantee Company, the Fairfield Land & Improvement Company and the Artistic Bronze Company; treasurer of the Unquowa Foundation; and a director of the Bridgeport Land & Title Company and McKesson & Robbins, Inc.

Mr. Merwin was married January 15, 1913, to Miss Marjorie Pierce, of Bridgeport, and they have two children: Horace B., Jr., who was born June 17, 1917; and Delight, born August 25, 1920.

In 1917 Mr. Merwin entered the service of the country, becoming a first lieutenant in the finance division of the ordnance department, and was stationed in Washington, D. C., and Rochester, New York. In January, 1918, he was commissioned a captain and served until the close of the war. Although his extensive business and financial interests make heavy demands upon his attention and energy, Mr. Merwin has found time for community service and is a member of the board of finance of the town of Fairfield. His Masonic affiliations are with Fidelity Lodge, F. & A. M., of Fairfield, and Bridgeport Chapter, R. A. M. Along social lines he is connected with the University Club, the St. Elmo Club of New Haven, the Fairfield Beach Club, the Brooklawn Country Club, the Algonquin Club, the Black Rock and Pequot Yacht Clubs, and the Laurentian Club of Quebec, Canada. Mr. Merwin's residence is in Brooklawn Park.

FREDERICK C. MULLINS

A successful mortician, Frederick C. Mullins has engaged in business in Bridgeport for thirty years and is one of the city's best known undertakers and embalmers. He was born in Bridgeport, May 18, 1863, a son of Dennis and Anne (Keegan) Mullins, who were natives of Ireland and left that country in their youth. The father was well versed in the science of horticulture and for many years was head gardener for William H.

Perry, of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company of Bridgeport. Mr. Mullins was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and gave his political support to the democratic party. He remained in Bridgeport until his demise in 1881 and was long survived by his wife, who passed away in this city in 1914.

Frederick C. Mullins received a public school education and later was graduated from the Rennard Embalming School in New York city. His first position was that of a clerk in the inspecting room of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, with which firm he spent a year, and was a member of the clerical force of the Sanford Hat Company for a similar period. He was employed for a year in the cutting department of the Union Metallic Cartridge plant and next became manager of the John Reek floral shop on Main street, Bridgeport. Afterward he was called to public office, becoming city clerk, and was reelected five times. His work was highly satisfactory and he served in all for nine years.

On the 1st of February, 1899, Mr. Mullins embarked in the undertaking business at No. 278 Main street, in partnership with John Cullinan, with whom he was associated for twenty-two years, when the latter retired. Since 1921 the business, known as Elm Service Company, Inc., has been owned and conducted by the firm of Mullins, Scott & Redgate, Inc., of which Mr. Mullins is the president. Thomas Scott is the vice president, and J. Leo Redgate fills the office of treasurer. They have a fine establishment at No. 293 Golden Hill street, and the service rendered by the firm is high class in every particular. The business was founded in 1865 and is the oldest in the city. Mr. Mullins and his associates are expert funeral directors and experienced business men of high standing. Striding in step with the spirit of the times, they have changed old methods to suit new conditions and maintain an institution which is a credit to the city.

On the 6th of September, 1888, Mr. Mullins was married in Bridgeport to Miss Mary E. Johnson, who was educated in the public schools of this city. She is a faithful communicant of St. Charles' Roman Catholic church, with which Mr. Mullins is also affiliated, and in politics he is a democrat. During the World war he promoted the sale of Liberty bonds and was also active

in the Red Cross drives. His fraternal connections are with Bridgeport Council, No. 16, of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and exerts his influence to stimulate Bridgeport's growth and progress. Mr. Mullins is deeply attached to his city and state and has erected as the guide-posts of his life those principles which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

HOWARD EDWIN GRUPE

The attractiveness of a district as a place of residence is proven in the fact that many native sons remain within the borders of the locality, finding there desirable business opportunities and excellent living conditions. To this class belongs Howard Edwin Grupe, who is a native son of New Canaan. He was born August 7, 1890, his parents being William G. and Julia E. (Selleck) Grupe. He passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until graduated from the high school at Stamford, after which he entered Tufts College, there completing his course in 1915. He started in the business world at Bridgeport with the Remington Arms Company, acting as assistant to the stores superintendent. Military duties, however, interrupted his business career, for in July, 1917, he enlisted, becoming a member of the air forces. He was identified with the Fifty-third, Thirty-fifth and Eight Hundred and First Aero Squadrons and was with the army from October, 1917, until March, 1919, at the Third Aviation Instruction Center, Issoudun, France, holding the rank of sergeant.

In March, 1919, Mr. Grupe returned to his native land and since that date has resided upon the home farm at New Canaan. On the 3d of October, 1925, he was married here to Miss Mary C. Seaf, and they have one daughter, Carol Estelle, born October 13, 1926.

Mr. Grupe belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and the organization ever finds him loyal to the teachings and purposes of the fraternity. He has also rendered important public service, having been elected in October, 1924, to the board of selectmen and reelected annually

to the present time. He thoughtfully considers the questions which come up for settlement before this board and is actuated by a progressive spirit in all that he does. He is a director of the New Canaan Cemetery Association and for three years was chairman of the New Canaan branch of the Red Cross. In 1923 he was chosen a director of the New Canaan library for a three-year term and in 1926 was reelected to that office. His support can always be counted upon for any plan or measure for the general good, for it is in his nature to reach out toward higher and better things for the community as well as for the individual.

EDWARD JAMES THOMAS

The Norwalk Hour, ranking as one of the leading newspapers of New England in a city of Norwalk's class, has for more than a quarter of a century had as its publisher Edward James Thomas, who is also president and treasurer of the Hour Publishing Company. Mr. Thomas is a son of James Thomas, his family of Welsh descent, tradition being that the Thomas line are direct descendants of Sir Rhys ap Thomas, K. G., who was a lineal descendant of the ancient kings of Wales, and whose castle and estates were forfeited to the crown during the reign of Henry the Eighth. Two brothers of this descent came from Wales together, one settling in New York and the other in New Orleans.

The census of 1790 gives Gregory Thomas as a resident of Norwalk, Connecticut, having a wife and one child, a daughter, living with him. Gregory Thomas descended from John and Elizabeth Thomas, of Fairfield, whose son, Joseph Thomas, fought in the French and Indian war in 1758. Two sons of Joseph and Phoebe (Gregory) Thomas were Nathan and Gregory Thomas. Joseph was killed in the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, June 28, 1778. Gregory enlisted February 1, 1778, and at the close of the war located in Norwalk, died May 6, 1811, and is buried in the old Silvermine cemetery. Among the children of Gregory Thomas was Charles, grandfather of Edward James Thomas. Charles Thomas was a lumber merchant, and resided for a time at Wilton, later making Norwalk his home. Charles Thomas married, about 1818, Sarah Crofoot, daughter of Ebe-

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nezer and Sarah (Gregory) Crofoot, granddaughter of Joseph and Esther (St. John) Crofoot, great-granddaughter of Ebenezer Crofoot, and great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Crofoot. Sarah (Gregory) Crofoot, wife of Ebenezer Crofoot, was descended from John Gregory through his son, Jachin, his son, Deacon Matthew, his son, Ensign Matthew, a Revolutionary soldier; and his son, Elias Gregory, her father.

James Thomas, son of Charles and Sarah (Crofoot) Thomas, was during his busy and active life a sea captain and civil engineer. He was one of the surveyors for the proposed parallel railroad in Connecticut, a project that never materialized. He married, in Norwalk, August 15, 1863, Clara Stevens Doty, daughter of Isaac Reed and Mary Ann (Disbrow) Doty. Isaac Reed Doty, born in Mount Washington, Dutchess county, New York, June 13, 1813, lived in Norwalk, Connecticut, where he died April 23, 1882. The following is quoted from an obituary notice: "He was a man of earnest nature, firm in his convictions, and could not be swerved from what he believed to be his duty. He served the town for many years as constable and grand juror. He was a hard working and cautious business man."

Edward James Thomas, only child of James and Clara Stevens (Doty) Thomas, was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, January 21, 1870. He attended grammar and high schools and prepared for college, but owing to serious illness in his family was compelled to abandon his plan. As a youth of fifteen years he became employed in a stationery store, soon afterward entering the Norwalk postoffice in the capacity of clerk. Later he was transferred to the South Norwalk post office as assistant postmaster to establish the foreign money order department and the free delivery system in that section of the city. His initiative and ability attracted the favorable attention of James Golden, editor of the South Norwalk Sentinel, and he offered Mr. Thomas a position as reporter for Norwalk, which was accepted. He afterward became a member of the reportorial staff of the Danbury News, then returned to Norwalk and the service of the Sentinel. During this period he represented the Associated Press and contributed articles to several leading New York newspapers, including numerous illustrated feature articles for the Sunday editions. Mr. Thomas remained with the Sentinel until February 27, 1901,

when he became associated with the company which purchased the control of the Norwalk Hour, then owned by the estate of Brainard W. Maples. The Hour has been, insofar as a single interest can be said to have occupied him, his life work, and his able, devoted service as publisher, president, treasurer and manager has been responsible in no small measure for its strong, influential position of the present day. Mr. Thomas has been for a number of years vice president of the Connecticut Daily Newspaper Association. He is also a member of the National Editorial Association, the Connecticut Editorial Association, the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the New England Alliance of Daily Newspapers, and the Employing Printers of Connecticut. In all of these he has been active through committee service, and has cooperated heartily in their work.

In other associations that are distinctively Norwalk's Mr. Thomas has likewise taken a leading part. He was one of the fathers of the Fourth of July Mardi Gras, an annual institution that made Norwalk noted throughout the state for her Independence Day celebration. He was an organizer of the Alpha Wheel Club, an organization that gained fame far beyond the confines of Norwalk. Mr. Thomas has always been a republican, and although he has always held decided views on public affairs and issues, has never entered public life. Norwalk has had no more loyal champion than he, and all causes advancing the prosperity and welfare of his city number him among their energetic supporters. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to the following bodies: St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, K. T.; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In the days of the popularity of the bicycle, Mr. Thomas was an expert cyclist. He has always been fond of outdoor recreation, and with the introduction of the automobile was an early owner, now an enthusiastic motorist. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Norwalk Methodist Episcopal church and he also belongs to the Norwalk Club and the Craftsmen's Club.

On the 8th of April, 1891, in Norwalk, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Nellie May Kellogg, daughter of Martin and Jennie (Pooley) Kellogg. Her father, son of Martin and Clarissa

Jane (Lockwood) Kellogg, was born October 19, 1846, and served as street commissioner of Norwalk for a number of years. It was on the 27th of June, 1867, at New Canaan, Connecticut, that he married Jennie Pooley, born at Huntington, Long Island, August 17, 1852, daughter of James and Maria Jane Pooley.

JOHN JOSEPH CAVANAGH

The activities of John Joseph Cavanagh have been of distinctive character inasmuch as he has advanced from an obscure position in the business world to a place among the foremost hat manufacturers and distributors in the entire country. His steady progress has been characterized by close study and initiative in developing new methods which have made his products among the most desired in the hat markets of America. Today his operations cover not only the management of extensive factory interests in Connecticut but also of extensive mercantile activities in New York, and the name of the Crofut & Knapp Company is a synonym not only for magnitude of production but for highest quality in manufactured products and in style. It is said that imitation is the highest compliment that can be paid, and the Crofut & Knapp products have many imitators throughout the country. The business interests of the president of this organization are also represented in the extensive activities carried on by the Cavanagh-Dobbs Corporation, which is the holding corporation that since the merger of extensive hat manufacturing interests is the directing head of the Crofut & Knapp Company and of the business formerly carried on under the Dobbs name. The moving spirit back of this mammoth enterprise is John Joseph Cavanagh, to whom Norwalk points as one of her most honored citizens as well as native sons. He was born January 16, 1864, a son of Lawrence and Margaret (Murphy) Cavanagh.

Thomas Cavanagh, grandfather of John J. Cavanagh, was born in Ballacedere, County Sligo, Ireland, and learned the dry goods business there under the guidance of his father, who was an importer. Following his marriage to a member of the Dunbar family he came to the United States, where some of their children had already settled, and established a dry goods business in New

Haven, Connecticut, which he successfully conducted until a few years prior to his demise, when he retired from business, having become a nonagenarian ere called to his final rest.

His son, Lawrence Cavanagh, who was born in Ballacedere, County Sligo, Ireland, was a youth of fifteen when he left Ireland and made his way to the Isthmus of Panama, whence he traveled northward to New Haven, there joining his parents. For about a half century he was in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, occupying from time to time positions of increasing importance. He voted with the democratic party but had no ambition to hold public office. His wife, Margaret Murphy, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, was a daughter of James Murphy, and their family numbered six children, including John Joseph.

The public schools of Norwalk accorded John Cavanagh his educational opportunities and when quite young he entered the employ of the Crofut & Knapp Company, hat manufacturers. His initial position was a minor one, owing to his lack of business experience, but time and effort soon remedied this and steadily he advanced, acquiring knowledge, skill and capability until eventually he was called to an official position, being made general manager in 1910. For nine years he filled that office and in 1919 was elected vice president. It was a logical step that he should succeed to the presidency, in which connection a contemporary biographer wrote of him: "The career of John Cavanagh, the president of the Crofut & Knapp Company, may well be an inspiration to young men in business. His progress from the workman's bench to the presidency of the company has been due solely to his own industry, initiative, vision and determination. What John Cavanagh has accomplished lies within the grasp of any boy who is willing to begin at the bottom, learn thoroughly, work hard early and late, and keep steadfastly before him, in spite of every discouragement, the highest ideals. John Cavanagh came to Crofut & Knapp a boy with an understanding of the rudiments of hatting and perfected his knowledge of every branch of hat manufacture during a rigorous course of training under the founder of the business, James H. Knapp. His boundless ambition early visioned the day when he should be the executive head of the business and every step of his advancement from

journeyman hatter to foreman, from foreman to superintendent, from superintendent to general manager, and from general manager to president, has been accomplished by fitting himself thoroughly for the job ahead. Never satisfied to have any gap in his equipment, his study of the business has included a mastery of every phase of the progress of the hat from the selection of the best materials, through the various processes of manufacture, the proper assortment for the retailer's needs, the details of merchandising, both wholesale and retail, right down to the placing of the proper hat on the wearer's head. No detail has been too small to escape his attention, nor too unimportant to be carefully considered. It would be unjust to the young man who might take John Cavanagh's career as a model to omit mention of the fact that the new president was especially equipped by nature for success as a hatter. To know style is a gift, and to produce it is genius. Poets are born, not made, and the same is true of artists, whether they may work in oil paints, clay or felt. Nobody who knows John Cavanagh can deny that he is entitled by gift and achievement to be called an artist. A man is not to be overly praised for gifts with which he is endowed by nature, but his credit comes from building up and perfecting those gifts. Some wise philosopher said that if the capacity for hard work was not genius, it was the best possible substitute for it, and John Cavanagh had the gift and the capacity. The Crofut & Knapp Company of today is a monument to the work of the men who have contributed to its greatness, and in John Cavanagh it has a worthy embodiment of the study, the hard work and the devotion to an ideal that finds its fitting exemplification in the beautiful new building that crowns the hill over the river in Norwalk. When it is said that John Cavanagh deserves the honor that has come to him the ground is thoroughly covered."

In addition to his mammoth manufacturing interests Mr. Cavanagh is a director of the American Safety Razor Corporation; president and director of John Cavanagh, Ltd.; chairman of the board of Hodshon Company; chairman of the board of Dobbs & Company; and a director of Central Fairfield Trust Company.

Mr. Cavanagh has long been most pleasantly situated in his home life. He married Agnes Garvan, daughter of the late Hon.

Patrick Garvan, of Hartford, and their three children are: John Garvan, Lawrence Dunbar and Carroll John.

Mr. Cavanagh's interest in public affairs and particularly in the progress and welfare of his home locality has been manifest in many tangible ways. He rendered valuable service to the old cities of Norwalk and South Norwalk as mayor and he was largely instrumental in bringing about the consolidation of the Twin Cities in 1913. His name is inseparably associated with the development of the Norwalk Hospital and with many projects which have to do with continuous advancement here along those lines which are of material, intellectual and moral benefit. He is a member of the Catholic Club of New York and Norwalk, the South Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Club, Shorehaven Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Fairfield County Hunt Club, and the Woodway Golf Club.

In a review of his career it will be seen that one of the strong features in his success has been his ability to win the cooperation of employes and associates, and one of the local papers terms him "a skillful hat designer and maker, an able executive and a prince of good fellows, who encourages the hustling errand boy in his climb up the ladder to that position of responsibility, respect and affluence which John Cavanagh himself has won, for he, too, once was just such a lad, striving energetically and achieving brilliantly as he kept his eyes ever trained on the top of the hatting world."

HOBART GLOVER WARNER

Hobart Glover Warner is an enterprising merchant of Newtown, in which city he was born December 24, 1878, a son of James Hobart and Flora J. (Beers) Warner. The father was born in the Wapping district of Newtown, November 6, 1835, and was a leading merchant of the community for a half century. His wife, who was born March 20, 1842, was a daughter of Harmon and Phebe (Sherman) Beers and a sister of John H. Beers, who was a well known publisher of Chicago.

Hobart Glover Warner attended the public schools of his native town and also further pursued a high school course in

Chicago, Illinois, where he lived with his brother, Paul B. Warner, who was associated with H. G. Warner's uncle, Augustus Warner, in the manufacture of silverware. He returned to Newtown because of his father's illness, and upon his father's death entered the latter's general store, which had been established in 1833 and which was conducted under a partnership relation by Taylor, Curtis & Company. He took over the interests of both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Curtis in 1918 and carried the business along with his mother, Flora J. Warner, up to the time of her death, December 5, 1924, since which time he has conducted the store independently. He carries a large and well selected line of general merchandise, and his progressive methods and earnest efforts to please his patrons have secured to him a large share of the local trade.

In Newtown, in 1907, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Mary Nichols Hawley, a daughter of Henry and Julia (Curtis) Hawley. They now have three children: J. Hobart, Austin Curtis and Henry Hawley Warner.

Mr. Warner is well known in his section of Fairfield county, where he has spent practically his entire life, having for only a brief period remained in Chicago. His progress has been continuous since he became identified with his present mercantile establishment and he is justly accounted one of the foremost business men of the community.

MRS. BOLTON'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

FROM KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE

Westport has for years taken a justifiable pride in its educational system and its attractive school buildings, and in more recent years has had additional reason for self-congratulation in the acquisition of a private day and boarding school, of which no better can be found. Early in 1925 Mrs. Mary E. E. Bolton, an English lady of education and culture, visited Westport, and, feeling the charm of the place, decided that it would be an ideal location for a private school for girls. Returning in October of that year, she rented a house on Church street and opened its doors as Mrs. Bolton's School for Girls. She determined that

its educational program should be modeled after the best English schools and, accordingly, surrounded herself with a faculty of women who had received their education in English universities. That the time was propitious for such a school here was apparent from the start, for soon the number of pupils began to outgrow the accommodation of the building. Realizing that if she was to meet the demand for places in her school she would have to secure larger quarters, Mrs. Bolton, in September, 1926, rented the large residence on State street belonging to Willard S. Adams, which is an ideal place for a girls' school. However, during the past two years the school has outgrown this residence also, and plans are now under way for a removal to the property of the late Frank Adams, at Kings highway and Wilton road, in order that the school may not be impeded in its growth and in its facilities for the best work. Although, like all English schools, games and sportsmanship occupy a prominent place, Mrs. Bolton's school places its emphasis upon real scholarship and true culture, and it is worthy of note that this school prepares its students for passing examinations of all American and English colleges. Mrs. Bolton is a lady of sound judgment and tactful manner, is closely devoted to her work, and her personal charm and gracious qualities have gained for her many warm and loyal friends in Westport.

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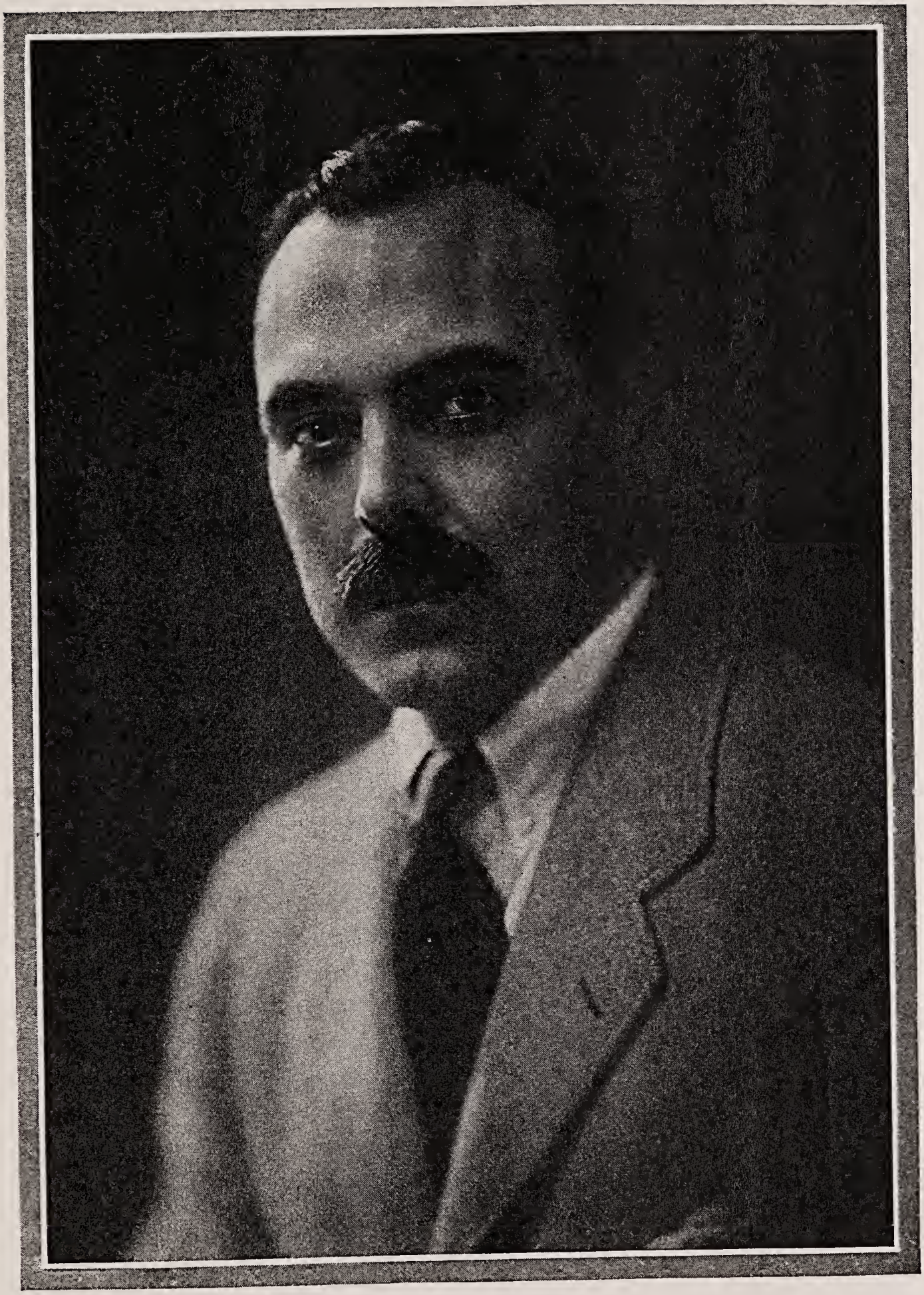
Through the exercise of effort Andrew R. Smith has developed his latent powers, which have carried him rapidly to the fore in business and financial circles of Bridgeport, and he also figures prominently in community affairs, manifesting a deep interest in everything that touches the welfare and progress of the city. He was born in Newtown, Connecticut, January 29, 1892, a son of Dr. Edward M. and Grace (Raymond) Smith. The father was a native of Newburgh, New York, and received his higher education in the Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons, which awarded him the M. D. degree. For many years he practiced successfully in Bridgeport, establishing an enviable reputation as a physician, and he remained here until his death on July 13,



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1920. He was a member of the Episcopal church and gave his political support to the republican party. Mrs. Smith was born in Danbury, Connecticut, and now resides in Cromwell, this state.

Andrew R. Smith was graduated from one of the high schools of Bridgeport and later became a student in Williams College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. For two years he was a member of the clerical force of the Harvey Hubbell Company, Inc., and then assumed the duties of vice president of the E. W. Carpenter Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport. In 1917 he responded to the call to arms and was assigned to duty in the aviation corps of the United States army. At Kelly Field he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was in the service of his country for eighteen months, receiving his honorable discharge in February, 1918, at Ellington Field near Houston, Texas. Following his return to Bridgeport, Mr. Smith was elected vice president of W. R. Bull & Company, Inc., investment bankers, located at No. 207 State street, and has since filled that office, managing his department with system and efficiency. He plays an important part in the conduct of the business, which has assumed large proportions, and he is a director of the American Founder's Corporation, W. R. Bull & Company, Inc., the First National Bank of Bridgeport, the Sikorsky Aviation Corporation, the E. W. Carpenter Manufacturing Company, the Porcupine Co., and the Bridgeport Rolling Mills.

Mr. Smith was married July 13, 1918, in Fairfield, to Miss Esther Davis, a daughter of Charles D. and Susan (Hawley) Davis, the former now deceased. Mrs. Smith was born in Bridgeport and received her education in Abbott Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Andrew Raymond, Jr., who was born May 26, 1919; David Burr, born March 16, 1921; Philip Hawley, born December 29, 1923; and Esther Davis, born June 30, 1926.

The parents are Episcopalians in religious faith and Mr. Smith is one of the vestrymen of his church, while in politics he is a republican. He was president of the Family Welfare Society for three years and is vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bridgeport, working earnestly and effectively to promote their interests. He is also a member of the executive

committee of the Community Chest. Mr. Smith is president of the Brooklawn Country Club, a director of the Black Rock Yacht Club, a member of the Laurentian Club of Canada and the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce. A young man of winning personality, he has a gift for making and keeping friends, and his life has been guided by those principles which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

RICHARD LAW JACKSON

Richard Law Jackson is endowed with the fine mental and moral qualities of a long line of illustrious ancestors and has added thereto the interest of his own individuality. He is an able educator of broad experience and senior master of the Ridgefield School, with which he has been identified for nearly two decades. A native of Middletown, Connecticut, he was born January 21, 1889, and is a son of Robert Nesmith and Sarah (Ewing) Jackson, both of English lineage. The father was born in Paris, France, March 10, 1845, and the mother in Terre Haute, Indiana, December 14, 1855. Michael Jackson, the great-great-grandfather of Richard Law Jackson, was a distinguished military leader who held the rank of brigadier-general in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, and in the maternal line he is descended from Governor Law of Connecticut, who was his great-great-grandfather, while the grandfather, Richard Law, was a commodore in the United States navy during the Civil war.

Reared in his native city, Richard Law Jackson was a pupil in Miss Patten's private school at Middletown and next attended school at Cheshire, Connecticut. His studies were completed at Williamstown, Massachusetts, in Williams College, from which he was graduated in June, 1910, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In September, 1910, he became an instructor in the Ridgefield School, and since 1922 has been senior master of this institution, which is devoted to the education of boys. He is at the head of the department of history and also has charge of athletics. For eighteen years he has faithfully and efficiently served the school, contributing materially toward its success, and his work has elicited high commendation.

Mr. Jackson was married December 27, 1921, in Rochester, New York, to Miss Eleanor Lewis Church, who was born June 6, 1897, in that city. She is of English descent and a daughter of Frederick Fargo and Mary (White) Church. The father has passed away but Mrs. Church still makes her home in Rochester, residing at No. 306 Oxford street. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have become the parents of a son, Frederick Church, who was born in New York city and is five years old, and a daughter, Sarah Law, born December 21, 1928.

In politics Mr. Jackson is a republican but not a strong partisan, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and standing at all times for progress, reform and improvement in public affairs. He is a member of the Williams Club of New York city, and his religious views are indicated by his affiliation with the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Jackson has chosen for his life work a field of broad usefulness, and his talents, natural and acquired, have made a successful educator.

NORMAN C. KRUER

Norman C. Kruer, who has made a most creditable record as postmaster of Shelton since his appointment to that position on the 1st of April, 1923, is widely known as a public-spirited and enterprising young citizen of the community in which he has resided from his birth. He was born at Shelton, Connecticut, March 7, 1891, and is a son of William and Emma (Martin) Kruer. In the acquirement of an education he attended the grade and high schools of the locality and after putting aside his textbooks learned the pattern-making trade, which claimed his attention for a period of fourteen years. It was on the 1st of April, 1923, as above stated, that he assumed the duties of postmaster of Shelton, which he has since discharged very acceptably and with marked efficiency. His term will expire in 1931. With the inception of city government in 1917, Mr. Kruer was made Shelton's first fire commissioner, and he has rendered commendable public service as captain of the Shelton volunteer fire department for three terms.

Fraternally Mr. Kruer is affiliated with Shelton Lodge of the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Derby. He is a popular and highly esteemed young citizen of his home community and one whose efforts are ever exerted in behalf of civic progress and advancement.

ALBERT W. SMITH

Albert W. Smith, who was in the service of his country during the World war, is now engaged in business as a building contractor in Bridgeport in association with his father and represents a family of builders. A native of this city, he was born in the family home at No. 513 Fairfield avenue on the 8th of September, 1884, a son of Wilbur Albert and Emily (Seaman) Smith. His great-grandfather, John Smith, was a teamster during the Revolutionary war and did hauling for the Continental army. He became the owner of grist and sawmills and one of the substantial business men of Stratford, Connecticut. He was born in that city, of which his wife, Abigail (Vose) Smith, was also a native. Their son, Charles Albert Smith, was likewise born in Stratford and followed the trade of a carpenter. He was one of the early contractors of Bridgeport and passed away in this city. He married Mary Ann Green and they were the parents of Wilbur Albert Smith, who was born in Stratford, March 22, 1855. Under his father the son was thoroughly trained in construction work. In 1880 he came to Bridgeport and three years later entered the field of contracting as a member of the firm of Savage & Smith, afterward operating alone for some time. He then admitted his son, Albert W., to a partnership. In years of continuous activity the father is the oldest contractor in Bridgeport, which bears many evidences of his skill as a builder. To him were awarded the contracts for the erection of the Connecticut Bank building, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the public market and the buildings of the Read Carpet Company, as well as other business edifices in the city. He has built many of its finest residences and has also done much work elsewhere at points up the Hudson, on Long Island, in New York city, in New Jersey and throughout Connecticut. He carries a

large stock of lumber and does manufacturing for his own use but does not retail to the trade.

In 1882 Wilbur Albert Smith married Miss Emily Seaman, who was born on Long Island. Her parents were the Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Searing) Seaman, natives of New York city. Mrs. Smith's father was descended from one of the three crown commissioners whose deed of conveyance for the eastern part of Long Island made possible its sale to the present property holders. The Rev. Samuel Seaman was graduated from the College of New York city and became a minister of the Methodist church, devoting his life to its service. He was a stanch democrat and a charter member of Tammany Hall. His demise occurred in New York city and his wife passed away on Long Island. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of two children: Albert Wilbur and Grace Stewart, the latter of whom died at the age of sixteen years.

Albert W. Smith attended the public schools of Bridgeport, afterward completed a course in the Mechanics Institute of New York, and was next a postgraduate student at Columbia University. He received a liberal education and since 1906 has been a member of the firm of W. A. Smith & Son, structural engineers and contractors with offices at No. 188 Cannon street. This pioneer institution furnishes employment to more than one hundred persons and for forty-five years it has been a vital force in Bridgeport's upbuilding and improvement. The work of the firm exemplifies the highest degree of skill in the art of building, and a well merited reputation for promptness, honesty and efficiency is one of its most valuable assets. In erecting his first building Albert W. Smith demolished a structure that had been constructed by his grandfather and rebuilt by his father. For three generations in succession members of this well known family have engaged in contracting and building, a field in which they excel.

In 1906 Albert W. Smith was married in Bridgeport to Miss Alice Ida Carson, a native of London, England, and they have one child, Alice Edith, who was born February 21, 1908. She was graduated from the high school at Berkeley, California, and is now a student at Ross College in that state.

During the World war Mr. Smith was with Squadron No. 11 of the North Atlantic fleet and served for two years in the United

States navy, being commissioned boatswain. He is now connected with the Naval Reserve Officers Association of New York city, the Naval Veterans Association and the American Legion. He belongs to the Army and Navy Club of New York city, the Bridgeport and International Rotary Clubs, the Black Rock Business Mens' Club, the Black Rock Yacht Club, the Miamaque Yacht Club of Bridgeport, and the North American Yacht Racing Union. He is also a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, Bridgeport Lodge, No. 36, B. P. O. E., the Little Theater League, and is a deputy commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was formerly vice president of Bridgeport chapter, there being three lines of Revolutionary records in the family. Mr. Smith is affiliated with the United Congregational church and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Like his father, he has a high conception of duty and honor, and his activities have touched the general interests of society to their betterment.

GEORGE R. STEVENS

At the head of the municipal government of New Canaan stands George R. Stevens, who is proving a strong executive and public-spirited official, his administration being characterized by much that is helpful in city government and management. He is also identified with the business interests of New Canaan through his activities in real estate.

Mr. Stevens was born in New York city, October 8, 1895, a son of George R. and Jennie L. Stevens. In his boyhood days he became a resident of New Canaan, where he attended the public schools, and in the scholastic year of 1915-16 he was a student in Columbia University. During the succeeding school year he attended the University of New Hampshire and then following America's entrance into the World war he enlisted for service as a member of Company B, Eleventh Infantry. He went overseas with that command on the 8th of January, 1918, and participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He was wounded in both engagements, which were among the most hotly contested

of the entire war. He is now on the retired list with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mr. Stevens returned to the United States on the 1st of January, 1919, and soon afterward again became a resident of New Canaan. He was subsequently in the government employ as ship dispatcher at the port of New York until 1924, when he returned to New Canaan and entered into active association with R. B. Morse in the real estate business, in which he has since engaged. He is thoroughly informed concerning property values and has negotiated many important realty transfers.

His public activities cover service as burgess, to which office he was elected in 1926, and in May, 1928, he was chosen for the position of warden. He has made an excellent official through the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties, based upon a recognition of public needs and the possibilities for civic progress.

On the 5th of December, 1917, in New York city, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Agnes I. Taylor, daughter of Charles E. and Mary Taylor. They are the parents of a son, George R., Jr.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Stevens is a Mason, belonging to Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he is a trustee, and a member of the Veterans Club and its president. Alert and enterprising, at all times actuated by a spirit of progress, Mr. Stevens is accomplishing excellent results both as an official and as a business man and his worth to his community is widely acknowledged.

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WILLIAM B. BENTLEY

William B. Bentley, since 1918 an active factor in the community life of Newtown, where he incorporated the Plastic Moulding Corporation, was born in Watertown, New York, December 25, 1869, a son of William and Alice E. (Parker) Bentley. Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the local schools of his native city, he continued his education in the Ives Seminary and later went west to Chicago during the period in which the World's Columbian Exposition was held there.

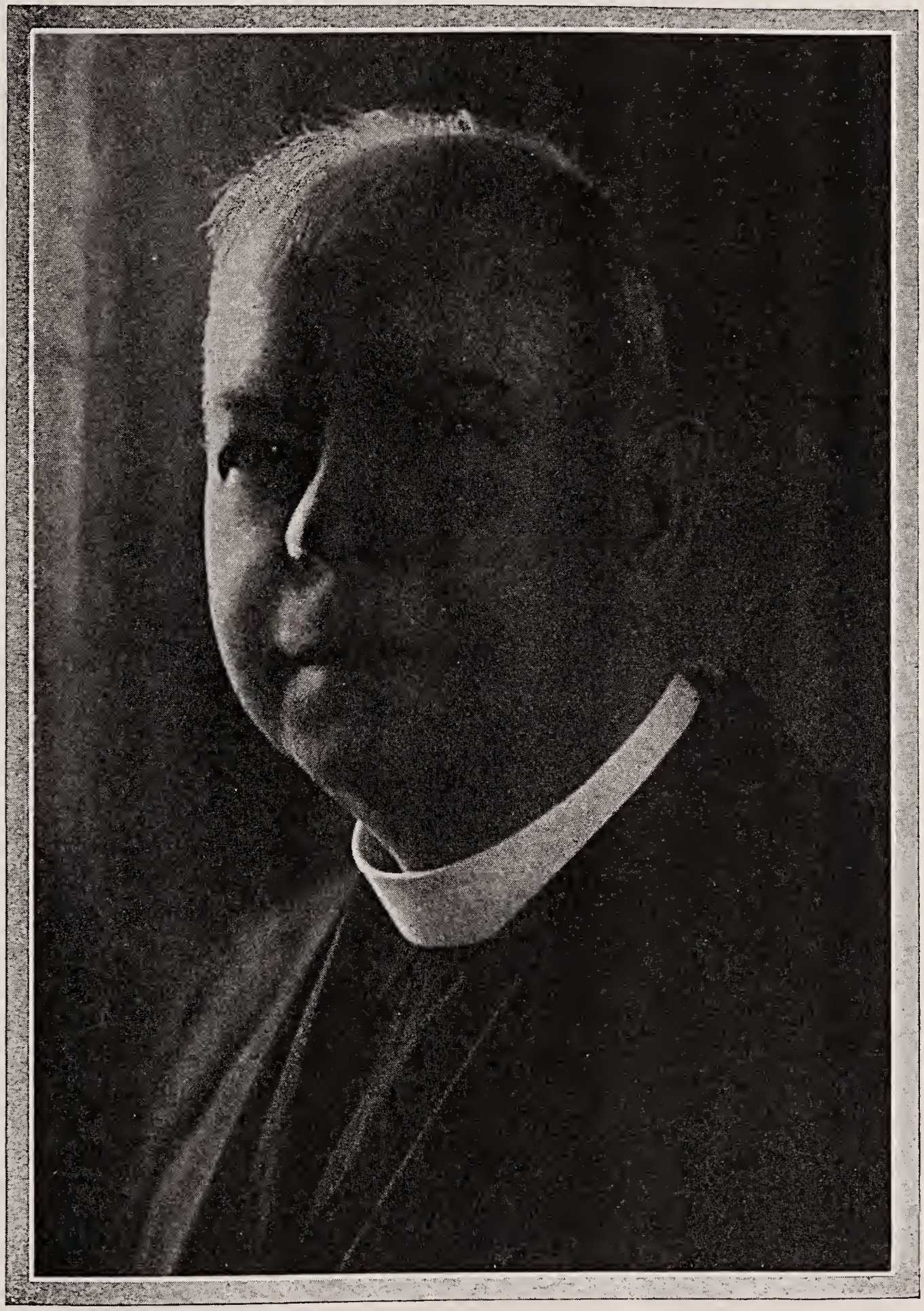
Gradually by logical steps he drifted into the show business and for twenty-five years he toured the country as manager and owner of various theatrical enterprises. On the 1st of September, 1918, he took up his residence in Newtown, Connecticut, where he has since remained, and throughout the intervening period he has been active in the community in different connections. He organized and incorporated the Plastic Moulding Corporation of Newtown and he has become well known as a real estate dealer, having gained a thorough knowledge of the realty market, so that he has been able to negotiate important property transfers.

On the 25th of December, 1912, the anniversary of his birth, Mr. Bentley was married to Miss Lillian Emmert, a daughter of John and May (Rizer) Emmert. Mrs. Bentley was one of the first speakers in behalf of woman suffrage and has traveled throughout Europe and America on her lecture tours. Mr. Bentley is a member of the Newtown Chamber of Commerce, in which he is serving as a director, and his interest centers in those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. As a business man he is alert and energetic and he seldom fails to accomplish his purposes.

REV. FREDERICK J. MURPHY, LL. D.

One of the leading clergymen of the Roman Catholic church in Fairfield county is Rev. Frederick J. Murphy, pastor of St. Mary's church in Greenwich, where he has served with ability and success for the past fifteen years. Father Murphy was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1860, his parents being John and Catherine (McQuiggan) Murphy, who were natives of Manchester, England, and of Ireland, respectively, and who have passed away.

Frederick J. Murphy received his early education in the parochial schools of New Haven, after which he attended Montreal College for three years. He completed his philosophical and theological studies in St. Bonaventure's College at Allegany, New York, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1885. His first appointment was to the church of the Immaculate Conception at Waterbury, Connecticut, where he served for two and one-half



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years, which was followed by eleven months at St. Augustine's parish in Bridgeport. He then returned to Waterbury, where he ministered to the church of the Sacred Heart for seven years, and was then transferred to the church of St. Rose of Lima at Meriden, Connecticut. He was there thirteen months, followed by three months at St. Mary's church of New London, and was then appointed pastor of St. Bridget's parish at Manchester, Connecticut, to which congregation he ministered for sixteen years. In 1913 he became pastor of St. Mary's parish in Greenwich. Father Murphy's record here has been one of hard and unselfish service, in which he has been rewarded with abundant success, the church being built up in all of its departments and becoming one of the most influential religious organizations of this section of the county. He is an able preacher, a devoted and loyal pastor, and his sincerity of purpose and efficient labors have gained for him not only the love and veneration of his own people but the genuine confidence and respect of the entire community as well.

It has been asserted that the first mass celebrated in Greenwich was said by the Rev. H. O'Reilly, of Norwalk, in 1854, but it is not improbable that the holy sacrifice was offered prior to that year, as in 1854 the number of Irish Catholics in Greenwich was estimated at one hundred souls. Therefore, between 1850 and 1854, the number of Catholics here must have been sufficiently large to require the occasional visit of a priest. After the formation of St. John's parish of Stamford in March, 1854, Greenwich passed under its jurisdiction. From that time until 1860 mass was offered up at intervals in private houses and in the town hall. In that year a small church was erected on William street, and it was enlarged in 1888. In 1875 the Rev. M. A. Tierney improved the church by the erection of a choir gallery. During Father Tierney's pastorate provision was made for the near formation of Greenwich into a parish. The corner-stone of the church was laid June 9, 1878, by Bishop Galberry, in the presence of many thousands of spectators. The bishop was assisted by Father Rogers of Stamford, Father Meister of Mamaroneck, New York, Father Walsh of Waterbury and the reverend pastor. Father Walsh preached the sermon. The handsome edifice was dedicated May 18, 1879, by the Very Rev. Thomas Walsh and the mass which followed the ceremonies of dedication was celebrated by Rev. M. A. Tierney.

St. Mary's school was opened with one hundred and fifty pupils and today has five hundred and fifty. At first there were six grades with four teachers, whose directress was Sister M. Philomena. A new annex of eight rooms has been erected, so there are now sixteen rooms of double grades. In 1929 Sister M. Annunciata became superior and there are now fourteen sister teachers and two lay teachers. The school today maintains the highest standard and occupies a very beautiful location on Greenwich avenue. The Rev. Frederick J. Murphy, now pastor, has but one object in view—the salvation of souls and the greater glory of his Divine Master. He is a man beloved by all.

DAVID SMITH ROCKWELL

David Smith Rockwell is a successful young representative of financial interests in Fairfield county as cashier of the First National Bank of New Canaan, which he entered at the age of twenty years and in which he has worked his way steadily upward to official position. He is a native son of New Canaan, Connecticut, born May 29, 1894, his parents being Theron C. and Charlotte (Burchard) Rockwell. His paternal grandfather, David S. Rockwell, established the New Canaan Seminary about 1812 and became widely known in educational circles of this county.

David S. Rockwell of this review attended the local grade and high schools in the acquirement of an education and made his initial step in the banking business in 1914, becoming an employe of the First National Bank of New Canaan. In 1919 he was assistant manager of the Morris Plan Bank in Stamford where he remained three years. In order to thoroughly qualify himself for more important duties in connection with the conduct of banking institutions he entered the Stamford branch of the American Institute of Banking, in which he completed the prescribed course in 1923. He was with the Liberty National Bank of New York city for about a year and then returned to Stamford, where he was with the Fidelity Title & Trust Company for about two years. In 1925 he returned to the First National Bank of New Canaan as head teller and in January, 1926, was elected

its cashier, in which position he has since contributed materially to its continued growth and success.

On the 7th of March, 1918, at New Canaan, Connecticut, Mr. Rockwell was united in marriage to Bertha B. Lord, daughter of George M. and Abbey (Getchell) Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell have a daughter, Virginia L., born at New Canaan in September, 1919.

Widely recognized as a public-spirited, enterprising and loyal citizen, Mr. Rockwell was elected a member of the board of burgesses in 1926 and made such a satisfactory record in the office that he has been annually reelected thereto. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as its treasurer for seven years. He is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Lions Club. He enjoys an enviable reputation in financial and social circles of the community in which he has always lived, for his personal characteristics are such as have won him the warm friendship and high regard of all with whom he has been associated.

THOMAS C. CAVANAGH

The Cavanagh family is of ancient Irish lineage, its founder, Fiacha Baiceada, son of Cathire More, King of Ireland, A. D. 144. The early name was Caoimheachan, and signifies "entertainer." The possession of the family embraced the territory called Ui Cavanagh, now the barony of Idrone East, in the County of Carlow, and the heads of the sept held in modern times the title of Kings of Leinster. In the United States, also, this ancient Leinster house has been honorably represented. One of the most noted men who held public office during President Jackson's administration was Edward Kavanagh, United States minister to Portugal, while equally illustrious in military circles was General James Cavanagh, of Brooklyn, New York, who served with distinction in Meagher's Irish Brigade during the Civil war.

Thomas Cavanagh, grandfather of Thomas C. Cavanagh, was born in Ballacedere, County Sligo, Ireland. He learned the dry

goods business in his native land under the instruction of his father, an importing merchant, and there married, his wife being a member of the Dunbar family. He was preceded to America by some of his children, bringing others with him, and he settled in New Haven, Connecticut. In New Haven he founded a dry goods business, of which he was the successful head until his retirement, a few years prior to his death, which occurred when he had almost attained the century mark. He was a man of influence and importance in his city and prominent in the affairs of the time. All of his six children came to America and here followed careers of usefulness and worth.

Lawrence Cavanagh, son of Thomas Cavanagh, was born in Ballacedere, County Sligo, Ireland, and as a youth of fifteen years left his home, journeying to the Isthmus of Panama. This was during the gold excitement, but he did not continue westward to the mining camps, joining his parents in New Haven after a short time. Entering the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, he was for about fifty years in the service of this road, one of its trusted veterans, who had met every emergency and responsibility in a career that contained many incidents of thrilling and absorbing interest. At the time of the famous railroad bridge accident in Norwalk, he was sent to the scene in charge of the wrecking train, and when the work of rescue was completed and the line open he was assigned to duty in charge of the Norwalk station, a post he filled until his death. He was a man of sturdy virtues, a loyal friend, a loving, just father, dependable to the last extreme. He was a lifelong democrat, content to express his beliefs at the polls, never entering public life. He married Margaret Murphy, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, and a daughter of James Murphy. They were the parents of six children: Margaret; Thomas C., of this review; Mary, who married Richard Bennett and resides in Brooklyn, New York; John J.; Catherine, who married Joseph L. O'Brien, of Norwalk, Connecticut; and Daniel O'Connell.

Thomas C. Cavanagh, son of Lawrence and Margaret (Murphy) Cavanagh, was born in Norwalk, March 16, 1858, and acquired his education in the public schools. He learned the printer's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for about five years. Subsequently he entered the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and for a similar

length of time was in the Norwalk office. This position was followed by three years in the express business, which gave Mr. Cavanagh an opportunity to start in business on his own account, and at first he began in a small way with one team. About ten years ago he gave this business to his employes who had been with him twenty-five or twenty-eight years. In 1915, in partnership with A. J. Collins, Mr. Cavanagh leased the Palace Theatre, which is the principal amusement place in South Norwalk, furnishing an unusually high grade of vaudeville and moving picture entertainment for a town the size of South Norwalk. In 1924 he sold the lease. Mr. Cavanagh is a member of the firm of T. H. Canty & Company, which does a large insurance and real estate business. He is a director of the City National Bank of South Norwalk.

Mr. Cavanagh gives his political allegiance to the republican party and manifests an active and helpful interest in public affairs. His name is on the membership rolls of the South Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Country Club, the Norwalk Yacht Club and the Catholic Club of Norwalk. He has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear, for his has been an active, useful and honorable life.

ARTHUR J. PAGE

Arthur J. Page, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, living upon the old family homestead, was born in Berkshire, Newtown, Connecticut, January 1, 1896, and is a son of Clarke L. and Sarah (Beers) Page, representatives of old New England families. In his youthful days he attended the local district schools and in due course of time was graduated from the Newtown high school. In the meantime he had become more or less familiar with agricultural pursuits and immediately after the completion of his high school course he began farming on the old home place and has given his attention to its further development and improvement since that time. He is constantly studying to improve methods and thus augment production on his land and he uses every modern facility to further the work, having good farm machinery and all up-to-date equipment.

On the 11th of November, 1916, in Berkshire, Connecticut, Mr. Page was married to Miss Amelia Allen, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Cortright) Allen. They now have an interesting young son, Clarke A., born January 16, 1920.

Mr. Page is interested in community affairs and at all times stands for progress and improvement in connection with civic interests, just as he does in connection with his business affairs. He was chosen to fill the office of selectman in Newtown township in 1925, again in 1926 and in 1928, and has been most loyal to every public trust reposed in him.

WILLIAM B. LIGHT

Alert, enterprising and forceful, William B. Light is successfully following in the commercial footsteps of his father and is a representative of the younger generation of business men to whom Bridgeport looks for its future growth and prosperity. He was born in this city on the 11th of January, 1897, a son of Owen and Margaret (Gray) Light, natives respectively of Cornell, New York, and New Canaan, Connecticut. For many years the father engaged in the bottling business in Bridgeport as a member of the firm of Gray & Light, Inc., of which he was the executive head, and he placed the concern upon a solid financial basis. In politics he was non-partisan, and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church, of which he was a faithful communicant. He continued a resident of Bridgeport until his demise, and his wife also passed away in this city.

William B. Light received a public school education and also completed a course in the Bridgeport Business College. His practical experience along commercial lines was gained in the employ of Gray & Light, whose business was incorporated in 1920. He held various positions, gradually assuming heavier responsibilities, and since his father's death has filled the office of president. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the bottling industry and ably controls the activities of the firm, which has a modern plant at No. 740 Railroad avenue. The business has grown steadily since its inception and ranks with the largest of the kind in the city.

Mr. Light was married July 1, 1918, in Bridgeport, to Miss Anna M. Roland, a daughter of William Roland, now deceased. Mrs. Light was born in this city in December, 1898, and received her education in the St. Augustine school. Mr. and Mrs. Light have two children, Owen William and Jeanne.

The parents are affiliated with the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Light is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. He is also identified with the Foresters of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fairfield County and American Bottlers Associations. During the World war Mr. Light entered the service of his country and was in training at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, for eight months. In the discharge of his executive duties he brings to bear the zeal, energy and enthusiasm of youth as well as mature judgment, and under his progressive management the continued expansion of the business is assured. Possessing much personal magnetism, he readily wins friends, and his moral worth is attested by the fact that he is highly esteemed in the city in which his life has been spent.

DANIEL EDWARD BRINSMADE

Daniel Edward Brinsmade, a prominent representative of financial and corporate interests in southern Connecticut, is a native son of Shelton long active in the control of public utilities. He was identified with the Shelton Water Company and the Ousatonic Water Power Company for more than three decades prior to their merger with the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, which he now represents as local manager. He was born August 21, 1874, his parents being Daniel Seymour and Jeanette S. (Pardee) Brinsmade, the former a well known civil and hydraulic engineer of Shelton who became president and treasurer of the Ousatonic Water Power Company.

Following the completion of a high school course at Shelton, Daniel E. Brinsmade entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1896. It was on his return to Shelton that he became connected with the Shelton Water Com-

pany and the Ousatonic Water Power Company, with which he was continuously associated until 1927, or for a period of thirty-one years, eventually succeeding his father in the official capacities of president and treasurer. Since the merger with the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company in 1927 he has been local manager. At this time he is a director of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, the Derby Gas & Electric Company, the Birmingham National Bank of Derby, the Home Trust Company of Derby and the Morris Plan Bank, and his counsel and cooperation are regarded as valuable assets in their successful control.

On the 9th of June, 1904, at Shelton, Connecticut, Mr. Brinsmade was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Morgan, daughter of Daniel Nash and Medora (Judson) Morgan. He has long figured prominently in public affairs, withholding his support from no movement or measure calculated to advance the general welfare. He made a creditable record as engineer of the borough of Shelton from 1893 until 1910; has served on the board of aldermen for two years; on the board of education for one term; as president of the Shelton library board at the time of his resignation; as park commissioner for several years, and president of the Riverside Cemetery Association. Mr. Brinsmade has proven his strength and capacity in the business world, his fidelity and progressiveness in connection with public interests and at all times he has commanded and enjoyed the respect of his friends, who are legion.

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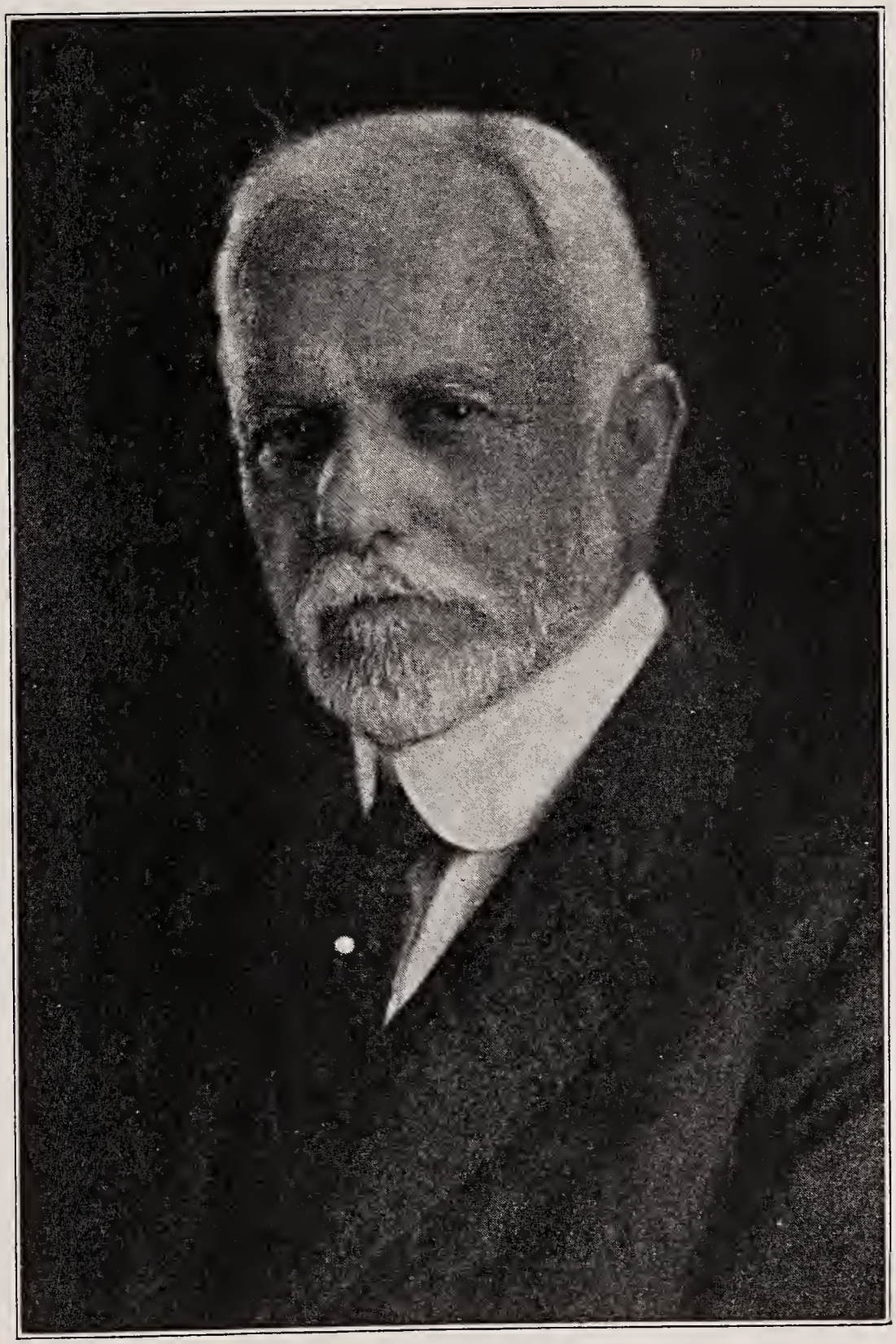
SAMUEL PIERSON, M. D.

Among the citizens of Stamford who have by their lives and labors honored their community stands Dr. Samuel Pierson, who for forty-six years has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery here, during which eventful period he has also taken an active and influential part in affairs relating to the welfare and prosperity of his city and county.

Dr. Pierson was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on the 9th of March, 1858, and is a son of Edward and Anna (Sayre) Pierson. He is a direct descendant of Abraham Pierson, who came to America from England in 1600 and became one of the



DR. SAMUEL PIERSON

founders of Yale College and to whom there stands a monument on the college grounds. Edward Pierson was born March 13, 1813, at Morristown, New Jersey, where his death occurred. He was prominent in local affairs of importance, having been a stockholder in the Morris County Bank and in the Morristown Water Company, and was one of the organizers, the treasurer and a part owner of the Morristown Gas Company. His wife, a native and lifelong resident of Morristown, was a daughter of William and Hannah (Gurien) Sayre, both of whom were natives of New Jersey and never resided elsewhere. William Sayre was a farmer by vocation, a republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

In the acquirement of an education Samuel Pierson attended private schools at Morristown and the Morris Academy, while his professional training was received in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1881. He served for two years as interne in the New York City Hospital and the Chambers Street Hospital of the eastern metropolis and then in 1884 located in Stamford, where he has practiced his profession throughout the intervening period of forty-six years. In his chosen field of endeavor Dr. Pierson has achieved distinctive success, his eminent standing among the medical men of Fairfield county being duly recognized not only in the city long honored by his residence but also throughout this section of the state. In addition to his long and creditable career in one of the most useful and exacting of professions, he has also proven a worthy member of the body politic and as a citizen he has easily ranked with the most influential of his compeers.

On the 14th of October, 1885, in Boonton, New Jersey, Dr. Pierson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie B. Norris, who was born March 18, 1859, and died in Stamford, September 20, 1920. She was a daughter of Charles B. and Mary (Kerr) Norris, of Boonton, New Jersey, both of whom are deceased. Charles B. Norris, who was for many years engaged in general merchandising at Boonton, gave his political support to the republican party and was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. and Mrs. Pierson became the parents of three children. Samuel Norris, the eldest, born in September, 1887, is

engaged in the real estate business in Stamford. He married Miss Dorothy Fiske, of New Haven, Connecticut, and they have three children: Mary, Samuel and John. Norris E. Pierson, born August 24, 1889, is a member of the law firm of Taylor, Durey & Pierson of Stamford and is mentioned at length below. Richard N., born in 1902, is a practicing physician of New York city. The last named married Miss Frances Dorothy Stewart, of the eastern metropolis, and they have one child, Frances Dorothy.

The republican party receives Dr. Pierson's political support and he has always taken a keen interest in public affairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Stamford Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder, and he has made a splendid record as president of the Young Men's Christian Association for twenty-five years. He rendered effective service to the government as medical examiner during and after the World war; is a director and chairman of the surgical staff of the Stamford Hospital and maintains professional affiliations with the Stamford Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the New York Academy of Medicine and the American College of Surgeons, being a fellow of the last named. Aside from his professional activity he figures prominently in business circles of his adopted city as vice president of the Stamford Trust Company, as president of the Western Connecticut Title & Mortgage Company and a director of the Stamford Gas & Electric Company. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is manifest in his membership connection with the Woodway Country Club and the Suburban Club. A learned and able physician, a skilled and successful surgeon and a man of sincere purpose, Dr. Pierson has made a deep impress on the life of this community and has long been regarded as one of its representative citizens.

NORRIS EDWARD PIERSON

As a leading lawyer, successful business man and public-spirited citizen, Norris Edward Pierson, of Stamford, occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of his community's most influential members. He was born

in Stamford on the 24th of August, 1889, and is a son of Dr. Samuel and Carrie Booth (Norris) Pierson. The mother was born March 18, 1859, in Boonton, New Jersey, and died in Stamford, Connecticut, September 20, 1920. Samuel Pierson was born in Morristown, New Jersey, March 9, 1858, and has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Stamford continuously since 1883, a period of forty-five years. He is a member of the Academy of Medicine of New York city and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is vice president of the Stamford Trust Company, president of the Western Connecticut Title and Mortgage Company and a director of the Stamford Gas & Electric Company. He is a republican in politics and is an elder in the Presbyterian church. Further details of family history will be found in a personal sketch of Dr. Pierson on other pages of this work.

Norris E. Pierson attended the public and high schools of Stamford and the Lawrenceville (N. J.) school. He pursued his classical course in Princeton University and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911, after which he entered the law school of Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Stamford, to which he devoted his attention until June, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States air service. He went into training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ground school of aeronautics, and in October of that year was sent to Scott field, at Belleville, Illinois, for flying instructions, and there qualified as a reserve military aviator. In December, 1917, he was transferred to the concentration camp at Garden City, Long Island, where he received his commission as a first lieutenant. He sailed for England, January 9, 1918, and thence to France, where he was attached to the Third Aviation Instruction Center at Issoudun. In April, 1918, he was sent to Furbara, Italy, for aerial gunnery training and in July he was attached to the Ninetieth Aero Squadron as a pilot in the observation group. In October, 1918, he was made commanding officer of the squadron and in January, 1919, was commissioned a captain. As a pilot, he participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He returned to the United States in May, 1919, and was honorably discharged from the service in June,

1919, at Mitchell field, Long Island. He at once resumed the practice of law in association with John C. Durey, the firm of Durey & Pierson being formed January 1, 1922, and on January 1, 1923, Judge Frederick C. Taylor, who died November 27, 1928, entered the firm, which then became Taylor, Durey & Pierson. Mr. Pierson is engaged in the general practice of law and is regarded as the peer of any of his professional brethren in the qualities that go to make up the successful lawyer. He is a member of the Stamford Bar Association, the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and belongs to the Association of the Bar of New York City.

On December 8, 1921, in New York city, Mr. Pierson was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Otis Bruggerhof, who was born in that city, September 26, 1893, and is a daughter of Edward Everett and Lucy (Otis) Bruggerhof. Her father was born in New York city, was president of Thorburns, Inc., dealers in seeds, and died in that city. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His wife was born in Yonkers, New York, and now resides in New York city. Mrs. Pierson was educated at the Ingleside School, at New Milford, Connecticut, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. She has taken an active interest in the civic and social affairs of Stamford and is a member of the Stamford Woman's Club, the Stamford Junior League, the Junior League Club of New York, and the New York Society of Mayflower Descendants. She is a member of the board of managers of the Stamford Children's Home and a director of the Stamford Hospital Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Pierson are the parents of two daughters, Lucy Ann, born March 14, 1923, and Margaret Norris, born December 1, 1925.

In his political affiliation Mr. Pierson has always been a republican and has served as a member of the school committee of Stamford, having also in other ways shown a deep interest in the welfare of his community. His religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church, of which he is treasurer and a trustee. He belongs to the Harvard Club of New York city, the University Club of Bridgeport, the Suburban Club, the Woodway Country Club, the Stamford Yacht Club, and the Chamber of

Commerce. He is a director of the Stamford Trust Company, is president of the Family Welfare Society, Inc., of Stamford, is a director of the Western Connecticut Title and Mortgage Company, a director of the Morris Plan Bank of Stamford and a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association. His career has been characterized by duty well performed, by faithfulness to every trust reposed in him and by his consistent advocacy and support of those things which are calculated to benefit society, and thereby, as well as for his genial and kindly manner, he commands the uniform respect and confidence of all who know him.

THE NORWALK HOUR

One of the most distinctive newspapers of Fairfield county is the Norwalk Hour, which for fifty-seven years has rendered to this community the highest type of news service, while at the same time it has steadfastly stood for those things which make for the public good and has just as consistently opposed everything inimical to the welfare of the community. The Hour was established May 6, 1871, by Brainerd W. Maples, whose advent into the publishing business was the outcome of a peculiar combination of incidents. He was living at Westport, from which station he was a daily commuter to New York city. One day he misplaced his commutation ticket and, though he was one of the "regulars" on that particular train, the conductor for some reason refused to accept his explanation for having no ticket and put him off the train. He was thoroughly angry and expressed his wrath against the railroad in several articles to Norwalk and Bridgeport papers, though some of his bitterest articles were not printed. This aroused his fighting spirit and he determined to start a paper of his own, in which he could express himself as he saw fit. The outcome was that a modest little room in the rear of Betts' news stand in State street, Westport, was rented, and from this place the first number of The Hour was issued May 6, 1871, with no blast of trumpets and not even a sign over the door. The office equipment consisted of a single desk and a chair or two. There was a long exchange list, a few sample copies and even a limited number of subscribers who had sent in their dollar

in response to the prospectus which had been issued a few weeks before. For nearly a year The Hour appeared as a bi-weekly, but March 9, 1872, it appeared as a weekly.

Westport remained the home of The Hour until July 19, 1873, when it was moved to Norwalk. In March, 1874, The Hour absorbed the Westport Advertiser, after which it bore the dual name, The Norwalk Hour and Westport Advertiser. On October 16, 1875, The Hour gave unmistakable evidence of its prosperity by buying a printing press and doing commercial printing, and in March, 1877, the office was moved to more commodious quarters on the ground floor of the Keena block on Water street. About two years later it was again moved, this time to the Stucco building, where it exhibited the sign, "Steam Print," over the door. Success now was assured and in May, 1882, the paper was enlarged to an eight-column sheet. On July 5, 1884, The Hour moved into more commodious quarters on Wall street, where it remained until November, 1888, when it was moved to its new building at 3 Isaacs street, at which time it had gained recognition as one of the most influential papers of the state.

On July 12, 1895, the Norwalk Printing Company was incorporated, with B. W. Maples as president; W. K. Maples as treasurer and J. W. Maples as secretary, and on the 5th of the ensuing August, the Evening Hour made its appearance as a daily. B. W. Maples remained the controlling spirit of the enterprise, and to his indomitable and tireless efforts was the success of the paper due, and it was a cause of sincere regret not only to his immediate community, but to the state as well when, on December 12, 1900, he closed his eyes to earthly scenes and passed to higher fields of activity.

In February, 1901, The Hour Publishing Company was formed and took over the newspaper and plant, the officers of the new company being, Arthur C. Wheeler, president; Edward J. Thomas, treasurer, and Victor Selleck, secretary. On July 3, 1905, the company leased the Quintard building at Wall and Knight streets with the privilege of purchase, and on July 5, 1908, took title to the building. The growth of the business during the ensuing years was steady and at length the old quarters proved inadequate and, on March 24, 1919 the company acquired the Booth block on Knight street, with a large open lot adjoining,

and in October of that year they also bought a new twenty-four page Hoe press. The Hour plant has been kept strictly up-to-date in all of its equipment, and today all of its machinery and material are of the most modern type. It stands today in marked contrast to the conditions under which the first issue of The Hour was produced, when the typesetting and printing was done in the office of the South Norwalk Sentinel.

The Hour has always been independent in politics, but has been fearless and honest in its expressions on all phases of life, governmental, civic or social, and has exerted a very definite influence in its community. Its editorial force is capable and efficient, its mechanical department is complete in both personnel and equipment, and its business management has been sound and satisfactory. The Hour has been and still is one of Norwalk's most valuable assets and in its progress and prosperity it has reflected the progress and prosperity of the community which it has so splendidly served. On May 6, 1921, The Hour issued a golden anniversary edition, which was in many respects a very notable issue, containing a well written review of the history of the paper, and individual mention of those to whose efforts its success was due.

On May 21, 1922, President Wheeler retired and was succeeded by Edward J. Thomas as president and treasurer. Of the many notable accomplishments of The Hour was the construction of the new concrete bridge between Norwalk and East Norwalk, and the five cent trolley fare between Norwalk and South Norwalk, the only such fare in Connecticut.

JOHN JOSEPH WALL

John Joseph Wall, numbered among the rising young attorneys of Fairfield county, has been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Shelton during the past five years. He was born in Derby, Connecticut, August 10, 1900, a son of John F. and Annie E. (McMullen) Wall, and pursued his preliminary education in the local public schools, completing the high school course by graduation with the class of 1916. Five years later he was graduated from the academic department of

Yale University and then entered the School of Law of that institution, which in 1923 conferred upon him the LL. B. degree. He was admitted to the Connecticut bar in June, 1923, and thereafter spent six months in the office of Judge Morris Saxe on Main street in New Britain. In February, 1924, he opened an office of his own in Shelton, where he has continued in practice to the present time and has already built up a clientage of extensive and gratifying proportions. He is also filling the position of assistant prosecuting attorney and he has attained an enviable place in professional ranks for one of his years.

Keenly interested in community advancement, Mr. Wall has become a member of the Shelton Board of Trade and is a director of the Shelton Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Foresters of America and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Derby, Connecticut, and his membership in the American Legion indicates his service in the World war.

CHARLES HOUGH

The years of Bridgeport's phenomenal development—the years which made up the last three decades of the nineteenth century and immediately followed the spectacular success of Phineas T. Barnum—were productive of a great number of able men whose united efforts were in a large measure the material out of which that development was wrought. The names of these men are deserving of perpetual honor on the part of the community which they have so benefited and among them may be mentioned Charles Hough, whose death on January 29, 1929, at the age of ninety-four years, ended a long and useful career.

Mr. Hough came of old colonial ancestry and a family that has been identified with the history of Connecticut from an early period. Eliakim Hough, father of Charles, presumably came to Stratford from Woodbury, Connecticut, and became owner of a large tract of land in Stratford. He also owned property in Bridgeport. He at one time owned and operated the old toll bridge over the Pequonnock river and also owned the noted Tide Mill at Southport. Eliakim Hough, who was a pioneer real estate developer in Bridgeport and vicinity and an outstanding figure

CHARLES HOUGH

in business circles, accumulated a fortune for that period. His home in later years of life was at the corner of Stratford avenue and Pembroke street and there his death occurred. He married Eliza M., daughter of Freeman Lewis, also a large landowner in what is now the East Bridgeport section.

Charles Hough was born March 5, 1835, on a farm in West Stratford, on what is now Stratford avenue in Bridgeport, near the east end of the Yellow Mill bridge. He was reared as the farmer boy of the period and received his education in a private academy at Bridgeport, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Selleck. He remained on the home farm and after his marriage his parents moved to Pembroke street in Bridgeport, at which time Charles came into possession of the farm, which he operated until 1893, when he removed to Clinton avenue in Bridgeport, where he resided for about twenty years. He then removed to the Cruttenden residence at 515 Stratford avenue, this property being the homestead of his sister, Frances H., widow of Thomas R. Cruttenden, a prominent Bridgeport banker, and here he resided until his death.

Mr. Hough, as the city grew to his farm property, gradually gave up his agricultural activities and devoted his attention to the development of his property into building lots, and he was one of the most active developers of real estate in that section of the city. He built a number of houses and also, in association with his sister, Mrs. Cruttenden, erected the Hough block, which has since been torn down, near the corner of Main and Bank streets in Bridgeport. For many years previous to his death he lived retired, devoting his attention to his private affairs and retaining his keen mental faculties until the end.

Mr. Hough was one of the type of men that public office has sought but he often declined to accept it. During his residence in Stratford borough he held some minor offices and could always be counted upon to support any movement for the general good. He was one of the organizers of the Bridgeport Board of Trade in 1875. He was not a member of any clubs or secret societies but was a home-loving man, devoted to his family. His home in Stratford was widely known a half century ago for its hospitality, and the old fashioned clam bakes that he delighted to give drew large crowds of his friends.

He married Lydia Crane Banks, of Bethel, Connecticut, daughter of Wm. Henry and Ann (Curtiss) Banks, the former an early business associate of P. T. Barnum. Mrs. Hough died January 12, 1904. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hough: Miss F. Louise Hough, who resides at the Stratford avenue residence; William E. Hough, a resident of Plainfield, New Jersey; and Josephine Curtiss Hough, who died in infancy.

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FRANCIS I. NETTLETON, M. D.

Dr. Francis I. Nettleton, actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Shelton for more than three decades, is now also serving as mayor, to which office he has been repeatedly elected. He represented his district in the Connecticut legislature in 1907 and has long figured prominently in public affairs of community and commonwealth. A lifelong resident of Shelton, he was born here October 23, 1874, a son of Charles P. and Frances A. (Hallock) Nettleton. He acquired his early education in the local grade and high schools and his more advanced intellectual training in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1894. In further preparation for a professional career he then entered the School of Medicine of that institution, which in 1897 conferred upon him the degree of M. D. After spending one year as interne in the Backus Hospital at Norwich, Connecticut, he opened an office in Shelton, where he has remained to the present time and where his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the complex problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. His high standing in professional circles is indicated in the fact that he was chosen president of the Fairfield County Medical Society in 1918 and he also has membership in the Connecticut State Medical Society and in the American Medical Association. Aside from his professional connections he is a director of the Morris Plan Bank.

On the 27th of September, 1899, at Shelton, Connecticut, Dr. Nettleton was united in marriage to Jean Mitchell and they are the parents of a son, Francis I., Jr.

A stanch republican in politics, Dr. Nettleton has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs since attaining his majority. He rendered effective service as a member of the board of education from 1899 until 1902, as a member of the board of burgesses from 1900 until 1905 and as warden of the borough in 1905-1906. In 1907, as above noted, he became a member of the state legislature, in which he made a most creditable record, giving earnest and thoughtful consideration to the various vital questions which came up for settlement. When the borough adopted city government in 1917, Dr. Nettleton served as president of the first board of aldermen in 1917 and 1918, and as mayor of the city from 1919 to 1922, and as a member of the board of apportionment in 1923-1924. The following year he was returned to the mayoralty, in which office he has served continuously since, through reelection, his present term ending in 1930. In fraternal circles Dr. Nettleton is also well known, belonging to King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; Solomon Chapter, R. A. M.; Union Council, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, of which he is a trustee. His life has been actuated by high and honorable principles in every relation and Fairfield county is proud to number him among her native sons.

MORRIS MELLITZ

Through the exercise of effort Morris Mellitz has developed his latent powers, which have brought him to the fore in business circles of Bridgeport, and for ten years he has ably controlled the activities of the Standard Motors Corporation. A native of Roumania, he was born April 2, 1888, and when a boy of thirteen came to this country with his parents, Bernard and Edith Mary (Moscowitz) Mellitz, who settled in Bridgeport. The father had previously engaged in the grain business but lived retired in this city until his death. He supported the candidates of the democratic party and was a member of the orthodox Jewish church.

Morris Mellitz completed his studies in the public schools of Bridgeport and earned his first money by working in the shoe

store of his uncle, the late Jacob Mellitz, thus continuing until he reached the age of eighteen. His experience and ability won for him the position of assistant manager in the establishment of the Travers Shoe Company, with which he was connected for two and a half years. In 1906 he started a tea and coffee store in Bridgeport and dealt in those commodities for two years. From 1908 to 1912 he was connected with the Hayes System and had charge of a women's apparel shop in Derby, Connecticut, and later a shop on Atlantic street in Stamford. In 1914 he bought three automobiles, with which he conducted a jitney business for three months. On the expiration of that period he became a salesman for the Connecticut Automobile Sales Company of Bridgeport and in 1915 acquired an interest in the firm, with which he was connected until 1917. In 1918 he launched a business of his own, organizing the Standard Motors Corporation, of which he has since been president and general manager, and has made this one of the leading firms of the kind in Bridgeport. His assistants are well trained in the art of salesmanship, and the business reflects his progressive spirit and high commercial standards. Mr. Mellitz formerly handled the Maxwell and Chalmers automobiles and now has the local distributing agency for the Chrysler cars, which are effectively displayed in his attractive sales rooms at No. 357 Fairfield avenue, in the Standard Motors building, which he purchased in 1929.

Mr. Mellitz was married September 15, 1908, in Bridgeport to Miss Pearl May Mellitz, who was born in this city, December 8, 1888, and is a graduate of the local high school. Her parents, Jacob and Peppie (Hausman) Mellitz, were natives of Austria, in which country they were married. They settled in Bridgeport in 1888, and the father became one of its prominent dry goods merchants and also dealt in shoes. He passed away in 1909, and the mother's demise occurred in 1905. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mellitz have become the parents of two children: Bernard M., who was born June 2, 1912, in Bridgeport and is a sophomore in the Stratford high school and president of his class and Priscilla, who was born July 1, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellitz are members of the West End congregation of the Jewish orthodox church, and in politics he is a demo-

crat. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Temple Lodge, No. 127, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce and the Mill River Country Club. He enjoys outdoor life, and fishing and boating are his favorite sports. Mr. Mellitz is a live factor in his city and a man of broad views and high principles, esteemed and respected by all who know him. He resides at 242 Housatonic avenue, Stratford.

JOHN EDWARD HERSAM

Entering the field of journalism at an early age, John E. Hersam has worked his way steadily upward and is well known in newspaper circles of Connecticut as the editor, publisher and founder of the Advertiser, which he has issued in New Canaan for twenty-one years. He was born in White Oak Shade (a suburb of New Canaan), Fairfield county, in 1872, a son of Andrew and Lena (Ulsimer) Hersam, natives of Germany, and attended the public schools of New Canaan. In 1888, when a youth of sixteen, he became an employe of the New Canaan Messenger and served his apprenticeship at the printing trade under Will W. Kirk, the publisher of the paper. Mr. Hersam continued in his service for fifteen years, mastering every phase of the newspaper business, and then accepted a position in the office of the Advocate, published in Stamford, Connecticut. About four years later he returned to the Messenger, with which he remained for two years, and then became identified with transportation affairs. For six years he was in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad on the New Canaan Electric branch.

In 1906 Mr. Hersam opened a job printing office on Railroad avenue, where he issued the first number of the Advertiser, which appeared July 25, 1908. It was a four-page paper, the size of the pages being nine by eleven inches. People liked the little paper and the size of its pages increased to ten by fourteen inches and the number of pages from four to sixteen, each containing six columns. It adopted as its motto, "Grow or Go." It has been growing. A larger, standard size, eight column, sixteen-page

paper and a better one was gradually developed. The mechanical equipment was increased to keep pace with the demands. The Advertiser began doing composition on a linotype machine in 1911, and later two Miller feeders were added to its outfit, which comprises presses and other machinery for all sorts of printing. On July 8, 1921, the equipment was enlarged by the arrival of a new Intertype machine, model C, a device which turns melted metal into type of various sizes and patterns, set in lines of various lengths, and is regarded as the "last word" in printing machinery. The plant now has two of these machines. The Advertiser is printed every Thursday on a Model A Duplex press, which was installed in February, 1927.

The second home of the Advertiser was in the old Green building, which was destroyed to make room for a block of new business houses, and in February, 1927, the plant was moved to the present location at No. 43 Railroad avenue. It is completely equipped and turns out high grade work. Among the weekly newspapers of Connecticut the Advertiser has been given a high place. Its growth and success are due to the cooperation of the people of New Canaan, whom it tries to serve to the best of its ability, and also to hard work on the part of the editor and publisher and those associated with him. While there have been difficulties to surmount, discouragements to overcome and vexatious problems to solve, Mr. Hersam feels that he has been amply rewarded by the appreciation of a host of friends. He is an expert printer, a facile writer, equipped to deal vigorously and convincingly with the vital questions and issues of the day, and a sagacious, farsighted business man. His paper is published in accordance with the most progressive ideas of modern journalism and has a wide circulation.

In 1896 Mr. Hersam was married in New Canaan to Miss Margaret L. Griebel, who passed away July 17, 1921, leaving a son, Vincent Donald. He was born in New Canaan and after his graduation from the local high school entered Columbia University. While a student at that institution he completed a course in journalism and is now associated with his father in the newspaper business. Mr. Hersam's second union was with Mary Vivian Richings, of Stamford, to whom he was married in June, 1926.

In religious faith Mr. Hersam is a Catholic, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Mutual Benefit Association of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He is also a member of the Poinsettia Club, a local organization composed of business men of the town. His standing in newspaper circles of the state is denoted by the fact that he is serving as president of the Connecticut Editorial Association, an office which he has filled for four years. He is clerk of the borough board and manifests a deep interest in his native town, its people and its institutions. Mr. Hersam is a broad-minded man of progressive views and has made the Advertiser the champion of every movement calculated to upbuild New Canaan and promote the growth of the surrounding district. He has a keen sense of the responsibilities of his profession and is a journalist of high ideals with the courage to uphold them.

ALLISON PARISH SMITH

Allison Parish Smith was sixteen years of age when he became identified with the printing business. He is now president of the Bee Publishing Company, publishers of the Newtown Bee. A native son of Connecticut, he was born in Burlington, October 27, 1866, his parents being the Rev. H. B. and Sarah (Hazen) Smith, both of whom have departed this life. In the pursuit of his education Allison P. Smith attended the public schools of Burlington, Newtown and Staffordville and the high school of Amherst. The fact that his father was a Congregational clergyman, called to various pastorates, explains the frequent changes in the son's school connections. The father also conducted a farm and for a short period Allison P. Smith worked on the farm, doing all tasks incident to the cultivation of the fields and the care of the crops. In 1882 he came to Newtown, where he entered the employ of his brother, Reuben H. Smith, then proprietor of the Newtown Bee. In this connection he learned the printing trade and after two years, in which he had gained a thorough knowledge of the business, he went to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he secured a situation on the Springfield

Homestead, becoming a member of its editorial staff and specializing in the writing of farm editorials, for which his early training had well qualified him. He continued with the Homestead for eight years and then returned to Newtown, where he entered into partnership with his brother Arthur J. Smith in the publication of the Newtown Bee, which has a circulation of thirty-eight hundred. They have made this an excellent news medium and render valuable service to the community in their endorsement of all projects for the general good.

At Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1887, Allison P. Smith was married to Miss Harriett Hazen, a daughter of Frederick S. and Harriett (Burke) Hazen. Mr. and Mrs. Smith attend the Congregational church and for thirty-five years he has been superintendent of its Sunday school and in all ways has taken a most active and helpful part in the church work. He has filled the position of chairman of the Newtown school board and chairman of the high school committee and he is a member of the board of trustees of the Connecticut State Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, taking a helpful interest in the work of maintaining that organization at the highest standard of excellence.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a daughter, Hazel H. Smith.

WILLIAM F. HOYT

Probably no citizen of South Norwalk is more widely or favorably known than is William F. Hoyt, who was for many years actively engaged in the oyster business but for the past eleven years has devoted his attention to the real estate business, in which also he has been very successful. Mr. Hoyt was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1860, and is a son of Gould and Elizabeth (Hillsdon) Hoyt, the latter a native of East Orange, New Jersey. He received his educational training in the public schools and on entering upon his business career became associated with his father in the oyster business. They remained together until his father's health failed, when the business was sold to the Radel Oyster Company, and William F. Hoyt became manager for their entire system of plantations and operating plants. Their

WILLIAM F. HOYT

branches were located at Prince's Bay, New Jersey; Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson and Greenport, Long Island, and at Bridgeport and Norwalk on the Connecticut shore. Some idea of the extent of his responsibilities in this position may be gained from the following statement concerning their business: In Norwalk alone about four thousand five hundred gallons of oysters were opened daily; every year from sixty thousand to one hundred thousand barrels of oysters were shipped from their plants directly to Europe, while each summer from ten thousand to fifteen thousand bushels of seed oysters were shipped daily to the various localities favorable for oyster culture, for fattening for the market.

Following his service with the Radel company, Mr. Hoyt organized the Sterling Oyster Company, in partnership with Frederick Brewster, of New Haven, Oliver Gould Jennings, of Fairfield, and others. The beds of this company were in Norwalk and Westport waters on this side of the Sound, and in Port Jefferson, Greenport and Gardiner's Bay on the Long Island side. Six years after the organization of this company, Mr. Hoyt retired from it and, in partnership with his son Arthur, established the William H. Hoyt & Son Oyster Company, with its main offices in Norwalk. Subsequently Mr. Hoyt's health failed, and he and his son disposed of their oyster interests, and in 1917 they embarked in the real estate business under the name of William H. Hoyt & Son, with offices at 60 South Main street, South Norwalk. In this business they have been more than ordinarily successful, the field of their operations covering the territory between Bridgeport and New York. They also maintain an office in New York city, known as the Betson Farm Agency, located at 489 Fifth avenue. They have confined their operations mostly to residential properties, though they have also handled a large amount of farm acreage, and their business has been conducted on a plane that has commanded the absolute confidence of all who have had dealings with them. In his capacity as chairman of the factory site committee of the Norwalk Board of Trade, Mr. Hoyt has worked effectively for the industrial development of Norwalk.

In 1886 Mr. Hoyt was united in marriage to Miss Estelle May Theile, of Norwalk, who died in June, 1926. She was a daughter of Herman Theile, who was for many years engaged in the

cigar business in Norwalk, and whose death occurred in 1918. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt was born a son, Arthur C., who is associated with his father in the real estate business. He married Miss Helen Betts, of Norwalk, and they have a son, William Bradford.

In his political views Mr. Hoyt is a stanch republican and has always taken a keen interest in public affairs, particularly those relating to the welfare and progress of his own community. He served three terms as a member of the city council; was a city assessor for eight years, and five times refused a wide and insistent demand that he accept the republican nomination for mayor of the old city of South Norwalk. He was earnestly opposed to the consolidation of the Norwalks, but when it became an accomplished fact he accepted the situation gracefully and from that time on became one of the most consistent and effective boosters for the new city and worked untiringly for a complete unification of community interests. Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club, and the Royal Arcanum, in which order he served a term as grand master of Connecticut. "Cap'n Will," as he has long been familiarly known throughout the community, is a confirmed optimist and his kindly and genial manner has gained for him a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the range of his acquaintance, while all who have come in business contact with him hold him in high regard for his sterling integrity and his dependable judgment in practical affairs.

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BETHEL

One of the oldest and most influential religious organizations in Fairfield county is St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Bethel, Danbury, which has been in existence for forty-five years, during which period it has stood steadfastly as one of the bulwarks of righteousness in the community. The history of the parish goes back to a few years prior to 1883 when Thomas Doran, Patrick Wixted, James Howley, Barney Murphy, Michael Braunies, James McGee, Charles Diggins and John M. Doyle met and arranged to have a Sunday school. A building owned by Thomas

McCorkle, situated in Grassy Plain, was rented and the school was organized. It continued as long as the building was for rent, and when their time ran out a small building adjoining the residence of B. Morgan was secured, but the school was not continued long.

Soon after this a society, called the Catholic Society of Bethel, was organized, and of this organization John M. Doyle was president and Charles Diggins, secretary. In the meantime, Thomas Doran and Patrick Wixted, determining to continue the Sunday school, purchased the lot next to E. T. Farnum's house of Willis Judd, for which they paid him four hundred and seventy-five dollars. This lot they held for some time, but finally sold it to the Catholic society for the sum they paid for it. About 1881 some of the Catholics of the community proposed to discontinue worshipping with St. Peter's church in Danbury and urged the building of a church in Bethel. Quite a number were opposed to cutting away from the mother church, but finally a decided step was taken and the matter laid before Father Lawlor, who immediately gave his hearty cooperation, and soon a subscription from those already named who were willing gave the enterprise a start. A building committee, comprising Thomas Doran, Michael Braunies and Owen Murray, was appointed and the work of securing funds went on with a will. Father Byrnes, who at the time was curate of Father Lawlor, inaugurated a fair, which was very successful, a sum amounting to five thousand dollars being secured. Father Byrnes also started the yearly subscription plan, which worked well. Gradually the enterprise assumed a proportion which insured success and on September 16, 1883, the church edifice was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Lawrence S. McMahon, D. D., then bishop of Hartford. The edifice is forty-nine by eighty-eight feet in size, and the contract for the building was given to Northrop & Rooney, of Danbury. Thomas Moran, of Danbury, laid the foundation; a Norwalk firm did the brick work, the building being of Philadelphia pressed brick, trimmed with black; Northrop & Rooney, the wood and tin work; a Newtown man the plastering; Wildman & Clark Brothers, of Danbury, the painting, and J. M. Ives Company, of Danbury, the upholstering, all of whom did their work in a highly satisfactory manner. The building is ornamented with a steeple, surmounted

by a cross, the top of which is one hundred and thirty-eight feet six inches from the ground.

The Rev. Michael J. Byrnes was the first pastor of St. Mary's parish, after whom came in succession Rev. Patrick O'Connell, Rev. John Flemming, Rev. William Kierman, Rev. John J. Kennedy, and the present pastor, Rev. P. F. Conners. Not long after the church was built the parish acquired the home adjoining, owned by G. M. Lyon, for a rectory. The church property has always been kept in excellent repair and from time to time extensive improvements have been made, such as the installing of electricity in the church for lighting purposes, with handsome fixtures throughout the edifice. Father Conners has proven a devoted and efficient pastor, is an able and forceful preacher and has been eminently successful in maintaining the parish at a high standard of excellence in all of its departments. St. Mary's has filled an important place in the spiritual life of the community which it serves, and its history of nearly a half century has been a worthy one.

EDWARD F. McGOVERN, M. D.

An experienced and capable physician and surgeon, Dr. Edward F. McGovern has long been a prominent figure in professional circles of Bridgeport, and he gave proof of his patriotism and devotion to country by gallant service in the World war. He was born in this city on the 24th of January, 1875, his parents being Thomas and Ann (Coyne) McGovern, who were natives of Ireland. They lived for many years in Bridgeport, and the father was a foreman in the plant of the Remington Union Metallic Cartridge Company. In politics he was a democrat and he served as a constable of Bridgeport in the early days. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic. In 1902 he was called to his final rest, and his wife passed away in this city in 1899.

Dr. Edward F. McGovern attended the public schools of Bridgeport and prepared for his chosen vocation as a student in Bellevue Medical College in New York city, a branch of New York University, graduating with the class of 1901. Afterward he was an interne in St. Catherine's Hospital in Brooklyn, New

York, and in 1904 returned to Bridgeport. Here he has since followed his profession continuously with the exception of the eight months which he spent in France as a captain in the medical corps of the United States army. Dr. McGovern maintains an office at No. 881 Lafayette street and in addition to the work of caring for his large practice is medical examiner and supervisor of the substation of the United States Veterans Bureau under the regional office in Hartford, Connecticut. He is well versed in the science of his profession, and sound judgment directs the use of this knowledge in his ministrations.

In August, 1918, while stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, Dr. McGovern married Miss Mary Loretta Ahern and sailed for France immediately after the ceremony. Mrs. McGovern was born in Meriden, Connecticut, and completed a course in the nurses' training school of Bridgeport Hospital. Preceding and during the war she was an industrial nurse in the service of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of Bridgeport. Dr. and Mrs. McGovern have a daughter, Joan, who was born September 26, 1922.

The family is affiliated with St. Thomas' Roman Catholic church of Fairfield, and the Doctor is an adherent of the democratic party. In 1919 he was elected a member of the Bridgeport board of education, on which he served for three years, and has always manifested a deep interest in community affairs. He is identified with the Bridgeport City, Fairfield County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and holds a life membership in the local lodge of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. By nature he is studious and energetic, and during his hours of relaxation he indulges in motoring. Dr. McGovern has a keen sense of duty and honor and occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

HENRY WISNER SAXE

For twenty-nine years Henry Wisner Saxe has followed his chosen vocation in New Canaan, giving to the town that service which only the experienced, able educator is capable of rendering, and is widely and favorably known owing to his long and faithful service as superintendent of schools. He was born in Walden,

New York, in 1868, a son of the Rev. Alfred H. and Phoebe (Wisner) Saxe, and comes of the same family as John Godfrey Saxe, the noted Vermont poet. In colonial days the Wisners settled on a grant of land in Orange county, New York, and this tract, which comprised six hundred acres, remained in possession of the family until it was sold by the grandmother of Henry Wisner Saxe. Henry Wisner (III), another ancestor of note, was a lieutenant-colonel in the Orange county militia during the Revolutionary war. The Rev. Alfred H. Saxe was born in Middletown, Connecticut, and became a Methodist minister. For many years he was pastor of the Walden church, exerting a strong force for moral progress in the community. He passed away in 1881 and his wife who was born in Warwick, New York, died in 1900.

Henry W. Saxe obtained his early instruction in Walden and in 1887 completed a course in the high school at Chester, New York. In 1893 he was graduated from the State Normal School at Oswego and afterward was a student at New York University. He engaged in teaching in New Jersey for some time and in 1900 came to New Canaan as principal of the Center school, acting in that capacity until 1908, when he was made superintendent of schools. For twenty years he has been retained in this office. Mr. Saxe has the requisite initiative, tact and executive force and the comprehensive knowledge of educational affairs which enables him to readily solve the difficult problems constantly arising in connection with his duties. He has instituted the most efficient methods of instruction and also introduced other improvements which have made the New Canaan schools equal to the best in the state.

On June 20, 1901, Mr. Saxe was united in marriage to Miss Susie Whitmore, of Demarest, New Jersey, and they have one child, Edith Rowena, who married Nelson H. Small of Glenbrook, and they have one son, Edward Herrick. The name Rowena has been in the Saxe family for over two hundred years without a break, from the time when Rowena Keith married a Saxe. She was a direct descendant of Rev. James Keith, who migrated from Scotland to America in 1662, settling in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and for sixty years a representative of the family was pastor of the Congregational church there. Mrs. Saxe also traces her

ancestry to the colonial period in the history of Massachusetts and is identified with the Daughters of the Revolution.

While in his native state Mr. Saxe joined the New York Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution. He is past master of Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., and is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Connecticut State Teachers Association; the Association of School Superintendents; the National Education Association; and the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association. His interests are closely allied with those of New Canaan, whose advancement is to him a matter of deep and vital concern. He has attained high standing as an educator and in person, talents and achievements is a worthy scion of his race.

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EDWARD LYMAN KINGMAN, M. D.

A Yale graduate in medicine and with excellent training as an interne, Dr. Edward Lyman Kingman was well equipped for professional duties when he entered upon active practice in Newtown, where his progress has been continuous. The Doctor is a native of Connecticut, born in Warren, October 4, 1871, a son of Orlando P. and Eunice (Lyman) Kingman. After attending the local schools of Bridgeport, Connecticut, pursuing the work of both the grammar grades and the high school, he attended the Park Avenue Institute, a preparatory school, and with a good classical training to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he entered Yale University as a medical student and was graduated in 1894.

Soon afterward the Doctor received appointment to the position of interne at Wards island, where he served until 1895, when he became a ship surgeon, filling that office on several vessels belonging to the Panama Railroad Company and making trips to various tropical countries. This awakened his keen interest in tropical diseases and accordingly he accepted the position of resident physician with the South American Development Company in Ecuador, there continuing for eight years. He next went to Quito, the capital of Ecuador, where he passed the national medical board examination and practiced for twelve years. He

was also acting secretary of the American Legation for two years. In 1916, however, he returned to North America, settling first in New York city, where he continued until 1918, when he came to Newtown, where he has since followed his profession for more than a decade. He early gave demonstration of his skill and ability in combatting diseases and his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as the years have gone by.

Dr. Kingman was married in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1894, to Miss Emma Coburn. He is a Mason, having membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., of New Haven, and in Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., of Newtown. His activity and his interest, however, centers upon his professional duties, which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation, and his record is one which reflects credit upon the medical fraternity of Fairfield county.

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HARRY McLACHLAN

Diligence and determination have shaped the career of Harry McLachlan, who owes his prosperity to his own unaided exertions and is a conspicuous member of that select company of enterprising business men who have made Danbury known throughout the world as a center of the hat manufacturing industry. He was born in Wishaw, Scotland, in 1868, a son of John and Annie (McDonell) McLachlan, and attended the public schools of Edinburgh. When he was thirteen years of age the family left Scotland and settled in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, where the grandfather became well known as a physician.

Harry McLachlan completed his education in the public schools of that city and remained at home until 1883, when he came to Danbury, obtaining a position with the old McLean Dry Goods Company, whose store was located on Main street. A year later he severed his connection with the company and in 1884 became an apprentice in the hat factory of Nichols & Hine. Mr. McLachlan worked his way steadily upward and in 1890 entered the Byron Dexter hat factory, of which he was foreman for two years. In January, 1892, he ventured in business for himself, becoming the first manufacturer of fine and medium fur hats in the rough in Danbury, and for thirty-six years has specialized in

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this line. The business is conducted under the style of H. McLachlan & Company, of which he is president, and the steady growth of the industry is proof of his administrative power and high standards of production. In the field which he covers Mr. McLachlan is an acknowledged leader and the output of his enormous factory is shipped to all parts of the country. He is also president of the Danbury Electric Company and the Danbury Building & Loan Association as well as a director of the Danbury National Bank, all of which have profited by his keen powers of discernment and rare judgment.

In 1893 Mr. McLachlan was married in Danbury to Miss Margaret Byron, by whom he has seven children: Lorena, now Mrs. Harry Scanlan, of New York city; Harry, Jr., who is general superintendent of his father's factory; Mrs. George Sullivan, of Salem, Massachusetts; Jack McLachlan, who is assistant superintendent of his father's factory; Arnold, assistant to the president; George, who is a student in Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire; and Donald, who is attending Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

Mr. McLachlan adheres to the Catholic faith and belongs to the local council of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a republican. His name appears on the directorates of the Danbury Industrial Association, the National Association of Hat Manufacturers and the Ridgewood Country Club. He is also affiliated with the Danbury Club and the Shorehaven Country Club and enjoys the social side of life. Endowed with courage, initiative and business ability of a high order, Mr. McLachlan has left the deep impress of his individuality upon his work, achieving the full measure of success, and at the same time he has won the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen, for his integrity has never been open to question.

GERALD BECKWITH CURTIS

Gerald Beckwith Curtis is well known in educational circles in Fairfield county through his active connection with the Curtis School for Boys at Brookfield, a school that has contributed in substantial measure to the development and maintenance of edu-

cational standards in this part of the state. Mr. Curtis was born in Bethlehem, Connecticut, February 22, 1882, and is a son of Frederick Smillie Curtis, who was born in Stratford, Connecticut, February 8, 1850, a son of Calvin and Elizabeth Augusta (Wicks) Curtis. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded him. The Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University conferred upon him the Ph. B. degree in 1869 and he devoted the year 1870 to postgraduate work. He served as professor of mathematics and natural science in the State Normal School at West Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1871-72 and was assistant professor of chemistry in Swarthmore College from 1872 until 1875. He was the founder of the Curtis School for Boys, established in 1875. He is still in cooperation with his son as active head of the school, which was first opened in Bethlehem but was removed to Brookfield in 1883 and occupies the old Goodsell property. It is a home school, with an attendance of thirty-one boys. Frederick S. Curtis was a member of the board of education of Brookfield from 1894 until 1915 and he served as moderator of the State Conference of Congregational Churches in 1902. He was a delegate to the Third International Congregational Council at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1908. He is a member of the alumni advisory board of Yale University, a member of the National Institute of Social Sciences and the Yale Engineering Association. He was married October 29, 1873, to Ida Jewell Whiting, of Stratford, Connecticut, and their children are: Mrs. Chloe Baker, Gerald Beckwith and Lawrence.

In the pursuit of his education Gerald B. Curtis attended the schools of Brookfield until he had completed the high school course. He next entered the Horace Mann school of Columbia University and matriculated in that university, winning his Civil Engineer degree at his graduation with the class of 1906. Until the fall of 1907 he was connected with the De La Vergne Machine Company of New York city and with the Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation of Harrison, New Jersey. In the fall of 1907 he returned to Brookfield, where he has since remained, entering into partnership with his father in the conduct of the Curtis School for Boys.

On the 23d of June, 1909, at Derby, Connecticut, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. A. Lewis, daughter of Edward and Sarah D. Lewis. They are the parents of four

children, as follows: Sarah L., born February 25, 1911; Frederick Whiting, born August 4, 1912; Florence Elizabeth, who was born October 14, 1915, and died in 1916; and Deborah Atwater, born August 17, 1919.

In his political views Mr. Curtis has always been an earnest republican and has served as chairman of the town central committee of the party. He is president of the Village Improvement Society and in his life he has accomplished the thought of Benjamin Franklin, who said that "leisure is the time saved for doing something useful." He has wisely utilized his leisure hours in public service, which has included military activity, and he is now commanding officer of the State Guard unit, with the rank of first lieutenant, having been commissioned with that rank at Plattsburg.

JUDGE THOMAS G. WARD

Thomas G. Ward, numbered among the public officials of Shelton, where he is filling the office of probate judge, is also active in the business life of the community through his conduct of a real estate and insurance business. Born at Shelton on the 7th of January, 1882, he is a son of John F. and Elizabeth E. (Galloway) Ward, the former now deceased. He pursued his education in the local schools and when his course was completed began clerking in a grocery store in Shelton. He was afterward associated with the Derby Gas & Electric Company at Shelton Gorge from 1899 until 1918, filling the responsible position of foreman. In 1921 he established the firm of Thomas G. Ward & Son for the conduct of a real estate and insurance business and has since been active in this field. He does with thoroughness everything that he undertakes and he knows the real estate market, so that he is able to wisely direct the investments of his clients.

Judge Ward has also given much time to public service. He was for four years a member of the board of burgesses, and in 1914 was elected warden of the borough, thus serving until the establishment of city government in 1916. He has been chief of the fire department since 1909 and filled the office of deputy judge of the city court in 1921 and 1922. For four years he has served

on the board of education and the public school system finds in him a stalwart champion. He has acted as chairman of the republican borough committee and has done everything in his power to further the interests and success of his party. In 1926 he was elected judge of the probate court, to which office he was reelected in 1928, making an excellent official, fair and impartial in his rulings.

On the 19th of February, 1903, at Shelton, Connecticut, Judge Ward was united in marriage to Edna Baum. They are the parents of a son, George T., who is associated with his father in the real estate and insurance business.

Judge Ward has membership in the Kiwanis Club, which he joined on its organization and of which he has served as vice president. He belongs to the Derby lodge of Elks, of which he was chaplain in 1918, and his name is on the membership rolls of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., at Derby and King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M. He belongs to the New England Association of Fire Engineers and the International Association of Fire Engineers, and his religious faith is manifest in his connection with St. James parish of the Episcopal church at Derby, of which he is clerk. During the World war he acted as chairman of the committee formed to furnish funds for dependents of soldiers. At all times he has been prompt to respond to the call of duty. Wherever there has been an opportunity for public service he has met the opportunity and his work has been faithfully and efficiently performed. He has therefore contributed in substantial measure to the public welfare and is widely known as a representative and valued citizen.

JUDGE GEORGE GORHAM SCOTT

During the years of his activity in business affairs Judge George Gorham Scott demonstrated his capacity to successfully conduct varied and important interests and furthered Ridgefield's development along many lines. As a public servant he has proven equally efficient, establishing an enviable reputation as probate judge, and he has also filled other offices of trust and responsibility in a most acceptable manner.

A native of Ridgefield, the Judge was born November 5, 1871, son of Hiram Keeler and Lizzie M. (Gorham) Scott, and is a scion of one of the oldest families of this part of the state. In a direct line he is descended from David Scott, his great-great-great-great-grandfather, who was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1679 and settled in Ridgefield in April, 1712. At that time he purchased a twenty-eighth part of the township, and this tract is now known as Scotland district. All of his direct descendants have remained here and including Judge Scott's two grandchildren, the sons of Edward P. Scott, the family has lived continuously in the same town for a period of two hundred and sixteen years—a most unusual record.

George G. Scott was educated in the public schools of Ridgefield. In 1888 he responded to the call of the west, going to North Dakota, and in the fall of that year he journeyed to California, locating in San Francisco, where he engaged in the decorating business for five years. His adventurous spirit took him to Denver, Colorado, in 1893 and to Cripple Creek, in the Rocky mountains, during the gold rush of that year.

In the summer of 1893 Judge Scott returned to Ridgefield and entered the drug business in association with his father, Hiram Keeler Scott. He was married two years later and in 1895 resumed his activities as an interior decorator. He continued in that field for about thirty years, and his enterprising spirit and artistic work enabled him to win and retain a position of leadership. From 1895 until 1897 he maintained an insurance office and built up the largest business of the kind in Ridgefield. Energetic, resourceful and systematic, he was able to scatter his energies without lessening their force and manifested keen powers of discernment in the management of his affairs. As senior member of the firm of Scott & Lewis he was a dealer in automobiles at Ridgefield for many years, and his partner, George A. Lewis, is now engaged in the same line of business at Danbury, Connecticut, serving as president of the George A. Lewis Company, of which George G. Scott, Jr., is vice president. From time to time Judge Scott has invested in local real estate and is the owner of three valuable business blocks on Main street.

In the summer of 1893 Mr. Scott married Miss Faustina Jennings and they became the parents of five children: Edward P., George G. Jr., David F., Faustina and Hiram Keeler (II).

Mr. Scott has been active in local politics for three decades and served on the board of education for eleven years, while for seven years he was registrar and assessor. During 1908-9 he was probate judge for the district of Ridgefield and in 1924 was again elected to that office. At the same time he became town clerk and has served in these capacities for a period of six years in all. He has applied efficient business methods to the dispatch of the court's work, disposing of it expeditiously and yet with just and fair consideration of the cases which have come before him and in accordance with the splendid traditions of the court. His worth is thoroughly appreciated, for judges of this character are not easily found. He is a Mason in high standing and from 1925 to 1927 was district deputy of the first Masonic district of Connecticut. Judge Scott is a life member of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., of Ridgefield; of Crusader Commander, No. 10, K. T.; Eureka Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M., of Danbury; Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., in which he holds the thirty-second degree and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport. He is treasurer of his local lodge and grand representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of Maine to the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut. He is also a member of Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., of Ridgefield, having joined the organization in 1895; and is a member of Lodge No. 20, B. P. O. E., of Danbury, Connecticut. In all of his activities Judge Scott has been impelled by worthy motives and a keen sense of duty and honor, and his life in its various phases will bear the test of intimate knowledge and close association.

RALPH WILLIAM CRANE, M. D.

The medical profession in Stamford has been honored by the earnest life and able services of Dr. Ralph William Crane, who has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine here for twenty-two years. He was born in Groton, New London county, Connecticut, on the 28th of June, 1881, and is a son of Everett L. and Bertha M. (Chapman) Crane. The family is of Scottish origin, the Doctor's great-grandfather, Ralph Crane, a native of Scotland, having emigrated to this

country and settled at South Glastonbury, Connecticut, where his death occurred. He was the father of LeRoy D. Crane, who was born at South Glastonbury and died at Groton, this state. He was engaged in the livery stable business and also was interested in other enterprises. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His son, Everett L. Crane, was born in Groton, in which city his death occurred December 22, 1916. He followed farming and was a democrat in his political views, being active in local affairs and holding various public offices. His wife was born at Center Groton, New London county, this state, in March, 1861, and is now living in New London, Connecticut. She is a daughter of Edmund and Susan (Pendleton) Chapman, the former of whom was a miller at Center Groton, and was a democrat in politics.

Ralph W. Crane attended the Bulkeley public school at New London and graduated from the Bulkeley high school. He matriculated in the medical school of Yale University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905. He served his interneship in the New York City Hospital and then entered upon the practice of his profession in Stamford, in which he has been engaged to the present time. He is a member of the visiting staff of Stamford Hospital; is medical examiner for Stamford and has served as town health officer for the past eighteen years, while during the World war he served on the medical advisory board. He is a member of the City Hospital Alumni Society and the Yale Medical Alumni Association. He belongs to the Stamford Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Crane has been married twice, first to Miss Margaret Estella Sharp, who was born in Berkeley, California, and died in Stamford. She was a daughter of James and Margaret (Tarplet) Sharp, of Chicago, Illinois, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Sharp is now engaged in the real estate business in Washington, D. C., and is president of the Eastern Viavi Company. To Dr. and Mrs. Crane were born four children, Margaret Louise, James Everett, Jane Pendleton and Ralph William, Jr. On November 7, 1924, the Doctor was married to Miss Annie Cunliffe, of Stamford, who was educated in the public schools here and was for a number of years superintendent of the Stamford Hos-

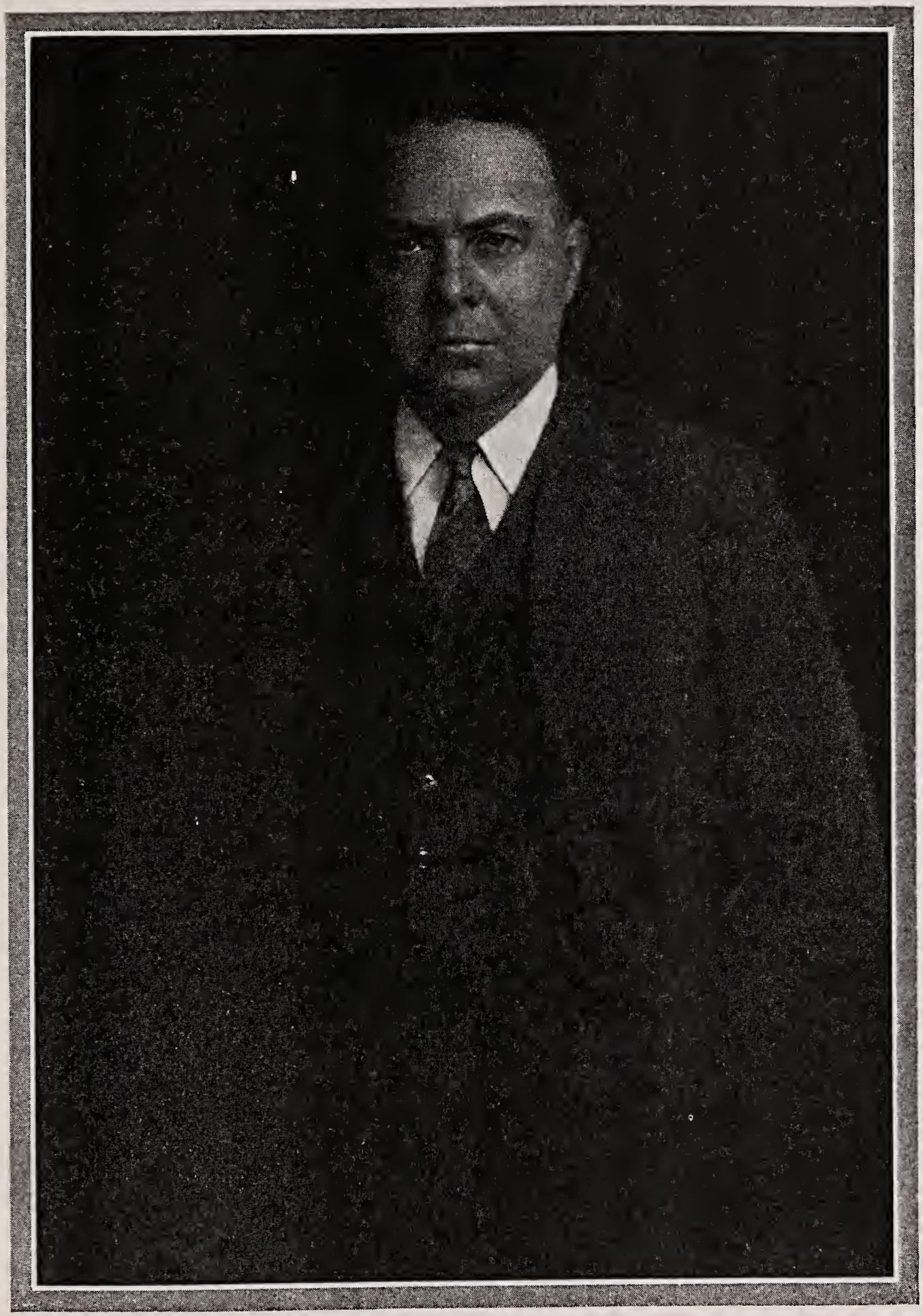
pital training school for nurses. She is a member of the board of managers of the Stamford Children's Home and a member of the state board of examination and registration of nurses. She is also a member of the Stamford Woman's Club.

Dr. Crane gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; Stamford Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport; Puritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Suburban Club and the Hubbard Heights Golf Club. He has shown a public-spirited interest in everything relating to the welfare and progress of his city and county and is regarded as one of its progressive and substantial citizens. Because of his worthy life and exemplary character he commands the sincere respect of his fellowmen and is deservedly popular among his associates.

JOHN W. GREEN

It is such business enterprises as John W. Green controls as head of John W. Green & Sons, Inc., that have given to Danbury its outstanding position as the center of hat manufacturing in the United States. He is the chief executive of a company that has carried on business here for many decades, the trade of the house being constantly developed and expanded until it is one of the foremost hat manufacturing concerns of New England. Various other business interests have also claimed the time and attention of Mr. Green, who is regarded as a forceful and resourceful man, alert, watchful of every opportunity and directing his efforts along lines which contribute to public progress as well as to individual success, for not only is he president of John W. Green & Sons, Inc., but is also president of the West Terrace Realty Company and is prominently connected with the Danbury Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Green was born on the 7th of August, 1872, in Newark, New Jersey, a son of John W. and Julia (Snell) Green. The parents removed with their family to Danbury, where he acquired a public school education, and later he attended the Cheshire Military Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of



JOHN W. GREEN

1890. Immediately after putting aside his textbooks he joined his father in the factory in order to learn the business and has spent thirty-nine years in connection therewith, acquainting himself with the trade in every particular. He took up the humble tasks connected with hat manufacturing and gradually assumed larger and larger responsibilities as his powers developed and he gained an intimate knowledge of the processes of hat manufacture from the time the raw fur is received until the finished product is placed upon the market. In 1905 he was made secretary and at his father's death in 1907 was elected to the vice presidency. His brother, W. H. Green, was president until his death in 1923. The business was incorporated under the present style in 1905. The plant is thoroughly equipped in every particular for turning out goods of the highest quality and the hats of John W. Green & Sons, Inc., find a ready sale on the market, measuring up to the highest standards of manufacture in this line.

Mr. Green has also contributed in substantial measure to the development of the West Terrace Realty Company, of which he is president. This company owns sixty-five acres of land and began its development three years ago. Concrete roads have been laid, gas, water and electricity installed and already forty residences have been erected and others are in the process of construction. Mr. Green is now building a thirty-thousand-dollar home for sale and every effort is made to make this one of the attractive sections of the city. There is a riding academy on the allotment and the development is being promoted according to the highest standards of modern realty operations and building. Mr. Green is likewise a heavy investor in the Danbury Building & Loan Association, recognizing fully how valuable an organization of this kind can be in enabling people of moderate means to obtain and develop homes when this could not be done if an entire cash expenditure was required at the outset. Another thing that claims his interest is the Bridgeport Air, Inc., of which he is a large stockholder.

Mr. Green and his family reside at 70 West street, in one of the finest residences of Danbury, and his two sons are associated in business with their father. Mr. Green has membership in the First Congregational church and he belongs to the Danbury Club and the Country Club. He has never sought to figure prominently in politics but is a man of marked civic spirit, doing every-

thing in his power to promote the welfare and advancement of his city along lines of municipal improvement. His cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further projects for the general good and his worth as a man and as a citizen is widely acknowledged, while his contribution to Danbury's business development can scarcely be overestimated.

HON. JOHN HENRY HILL

Hon. John Henry Hill is a distinguished member of the state legislature and also chairman of the board of county commissioners. For many years he has figured conspicuously in political affairs of the county, and his public life has been a succession of triumphs. He was born in Derby, Connecticut, August 7, 1864, a son of Thomas and Maria Hill, natives of England. His early instruction was acquired in a grammar school at Shelton, Connecticut, in which he was a pupil until he reached the age of eleven, when he began the struggle for a livelihood, securing work in the factory of Radcliffe Brothers, manufacturers of stockings. There he remained for two years, attending a night school during the winter months, and then obtained a position in the plant of the Shelton Tack Company, a Derby firm, of which his father was also an employe. The son next worked in the plating room of the plant of the Derby Silver Company, now known as the International Silver Company, and there learned the electro-plating business. All of the gold-plating work was intrusted to his charge, owing to his skill and reliability, and for a considerable period he was assistant foreman of the room. Its foreman, William Holmes, was also postmaster and during his absence from the room his place was taken by Mr. Hill, who was in charge most of the time. For thirty-five years he remained with the corporation, closely applying himself to his tasks and becoming recognized as an expert artisan.

Mr. Hill's first experience in public affairs was gained as a member of the Shelton board of relief, with which he was connected for five years. Mr. Holmes was then registrar of voters, and it was largely owing to his efforts that Mr. Hill was selected for that position, which he has filled for a quarter of a century.

When E. W. Kneen organized a bank he tendered his resignation as tax collector and Mr. Hill was appointed as his successor. This was two years before he severed his connection with the International Silver Company and in addition to his duties as tax collector he was a member of the town committee and also became assistant prosecutor for the town court through appointment of D. A. Nichols, judge of the court.

In 1915 the borough and town governments were consolidated, forming a city government, which came into existence January 1, 1917. In 1915 Mr. Hill had been made chairman of the town committee and when the city government began to function he was chairman of the republican town committee of Shelton. As a result of the November election E. W. Kneen became the first mayor of the city and appointed Mr. Hill poor commissioner, which position he held from 1917 until 1923, together with his other offices. In 1919 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, of which he has since been a member, serving for five terms, and during 1927 acted as speaker of the house. He manifests a statesman's grasp of affairs and opposes with ardor whatever he regards as useless or vicious legislation, working at all times for the best interests of the commonwealth. Since 1922 he has been one of the commissioners of Fairfield county and is now chairman of the board. Following the death of William J. Curnias in 1925, Mr. Hill was selected to succeed him as court prosecutor and is still acting in that capacity. Energetic and systematic, he makes his efforts count for the utmost and displays an unusual capacity for public service, while his probity is above question.

In 1891 Mr. Hill was married in Shelton to Miss Mary Jane Doran, who passed away in 1914, leaving a family of four children. Irene, the eldest, was graduated from Mount Holyoke College of Massachusetts and received the degree of Master of Arts from Middlebury College of Vermont, afterward taking a course in Cambridge University, one of the noted educational institutions of England. Three months after her marriage to Edward Fitzgerald, superintendent of schools of Derby, she was left a widow and is now a teacher in the Buckley high school at Hartford, Connecticut. Anna, the second daughter, entered upon religious work and is now connected with a nunnery at Water-

bury, Connecticut. Theresa is principal of one of the public schools of Shelton and has become the wife of Dr. William J. McGrath, of Derby. Thomas Hill, the only son, was connected with the internal revenue department of the United States government for a time but is now following the profession of a civil engineer and is engaged in road construction work throughout Connecticut. He was among the first to volunteer for service in the World war and participated in a number of important battles while at the front.

John H. Hill adheres to the Roman Catholic faith and along fraternal lines is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a strong republican and has been a member of the state central committee since 1920. He is a director of the Shelton Trust Company and manifests a deep interest in all those phases of life which have to do with public progress and prosperity. Mr. Hill has displayed rare qualities as a public servant and is a man whom to know is to esteem and admire.

ST. MARY'S PARISH

NORWALK

The honor of being the first Catholics to settle in Norwalk belongs to Michael Cooney and family, who came from New York city in May, 1828. Mr. Cooney was a hat dyer and lived near the dock on the east side of Water street. William Donahoe followed with his family of six persons in 1829. He was a chandler by occupation and remained in Norwalk until 1832, when he returned to New York. Clement Burns then came and boarded with Mr. Cooney. Mr. Burns was a potter and a stanch Catholic. Four years after Mr. Cooney's appearance here the family of Farrell Gillooly and a family named Brennan arrived. Then followed in succession the family of Paul Bresnan and the families of James, John and Edmund Conners.

The Rev. James McDermot, pastor of the New Haven church, said the first mass offered up in Norwalk, in 1833, at the residence of Michael Cooney. Father McDermot visited Norwalk semi-annually until his transfer to Lowell in 1837, each time celebrat-

ing mass in the front room of Mr. Cooney's house. "Here he met and preached to those poor, hard working pioneers of our faith, numbering in all about twenty-five persons. At his first coming he was cheered by their hearty welcome and encouraged on his long and weary mission in the heart of Puritanism by their fervent faith."

The next priest to visit Norwalk was the Rev. James Smyth, of New Haven. During his visits to Norwalk he said mass at Mr. Cooney's house, in the basement of George F. Belden's tin store, and at the residence of Lawrence Martin, on the Newtown turnpike. Afterward when Mr. Martin had removed to Five-Mile River, Father Smyth said mass in his house there four or five times.

When Rev. Michael Lynch was given charge of Bridgeport, in 1844, he assumed jurisdiction over Norwalk and neighboring places. His first mass in Norwalk was said in the house of Brian Mahoney, at the foot of Mill hill, on Wall street and the second, in the summer of 1844, in a large tenement house occupied by John Connors, John Kelly and two other families on River street. At this second mass there were present about seventy-five persons. Possessing superior accommodations to other houses occupied by the Catholics, mass was said in Norwalk frequently afterward.

In 1848 a committee comprising Paul Bresnan, John Hanlon, John Foley, Terrence Reynolds and Farrell Gillooly was appointed to present a petition to Bishop Tyler for a resident priest. The good Catholic spirit manifested by the petitioners in their letter impressed the bishop so favorably that he visited Norwalk, said mass in Marine hall, or the town house, and delighted them with the assurance that he would in the near future send them a priest. Accordingly he appointed the Rev. John Brady to Norwalk and Father Brady began almost immediately upon his arrival to make preparations to provide his rapidly increasing congregation with a church. A site was purchased by Terrence Reynolds from a Mr. Bailey on Chapel street and work was at once started on a church thirty-six by forty feet in dimensions. Both Protestants and Catholics contributed generously toward the erection of the edifice. The church was completed in 1851 and on January 28 of that year it was dedicated by Bishop O'Reilly. Of this event the Bishop thus wrote in his journal: "1851, January 28. Made the

visitation of St. Mary's church, Norwalk. Confirmed about twenty and preached twice. These churches (St. John's at Stamford and St. Mary's in Norwalk) were built by Rev. John C. Brady; are in debt about one thousand dollars, but I was pleased with his efforts."

In 1853 Father Brady was succeeded by the Rev. E. C. Cooney, who remained only until March, 1854, when his duties were assumed by Father Hugh O'Reilly, whose pastorate lasted five years, and it was during this period that the "Know Nothing" element was triumphant in the state. They manifested their insensate hostility by setting the church on fire, and at another time by sawing off the gilded cross that surmounted the church. Then came the Rev. Richard O'Gorman and the Rev. James Campbell. In 1859 the Rev. John Mulligan, D. D., "justly considered one of the most talented and promising clergymen in the Hartford diocese," assumed charge of St. Mary's parish. Among his achievements were the completion of the church at Westport in 1859, the organization of St. Joseph's T. A. B. Society and the establishment of a night school. He had also in contemplation the erection of a church on the present site of St. Mary's when death closed his brilliant, though brief, career. He passed away January 12, 1862, and his remains were interred in St. Patrick's cemetery in Hartford, his native city. Afterward came the Rev. Peter A. Smith, who was followed by the Rev. P. O'Dwyer. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Russell and the next pastor was the Rev. William J. Slocum.

St. Mary's school is one of the most proficient in the diocese. Father Thomas J. Finn is now pastor of St. Mary's church, which is an ornament to the city as well as a source of social, intellectual and spiritual profit to its attendants.

ERNEST A. WALTHER

Ernest A. Walther is one of the veterans in the hat industry at Danbury and, as treasurer and general manager of Hummel-Walther, Inc., and treasurer of the Leonard Machine Company, a fifty thousand dollar corporation and a subsidiary of the former company, has been an active factor in the successful

ERNEST A. WALTHER

record which that well known concern has made. Mr. Walther was born in Danbury in 1888 and is a son of Herman and Julia (Wildt) Walther, the former of whom was born in Berlin, Germany, and the latter in Carlsbad, Austria. He received his education in the public schools of Danbury, after which he worked in a grocery store for a short time. Having decided to learn the hat business, he entered the employ of the Mallory Hat Company in 1904, remaining with that concern over a year, after he worked for D. E. Lowe as a finisher for a short time. In 1908 he joined the United Hatters of North America, with whom he remained until January, 1909, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Arthur Walther, who had served his apprenticeship with the Mallory Hat Company, and they embarked in their present business. They began on a modest scale, starting practically without capital, and their early business experience was marked by many discouragements and obstacles, but they had a definite goal in view and, through their persistent efforts, indefatigable industry and tireless devotion to their business, they at length found themselves on the road to success and today they command a large and profitable business.

Ernest A. Walther is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Arion Singing Society. He enjoys the unique distinction of being the only man in Danbury who is able to cut and make a lady's hat while it is on her head, and shows much artistic ability in this line. He is a man of many fine personal traits and a genial and unaffected manner which has gained for him the friendship and good will of all who know him, while throughout the business circles he is held in high regard.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS MACDONALD, D. D. S.

Well equipped for the work of his profession, Dr. William Douglas Macdonald is classed with the leading dentists of New York city. He resides in Glenbrook, his native town, where he was born March 22, 1884, in the house he now owns and occupies at the corner of Middlesex road and Holmes avenue and is deeply attached to this old and attractive home. In this dwelling his mother was born and it was here that his parents, William Henry

and Helen Leila (Holmes) Macdonald, started housekeeping. His great-grandfather, Launcelot Graves Macdonald, was born in Scotland and spent the latter part of his life in the United States, passing away in Bedford, New York. His son, Philip Lewis Macdonald, was a lifelong resident of Bedford and devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. His political support was given to the republican party and he was a member of the Episcopal church. He married Amelia Robertson and they were the parents of William Henry Macdonald, who was born May 31, 1857, in Bedford. He engaged in the wholesale clothing business in Stamford and died at Glenbrook in October, 1896. In politics he was a republican, and his life was governed by the teachings of the Union Memorial church. His widow was born December 14, 1858, and still resides in Glenbrook. Her grandfather, John Holmes, was a lifelong resident of Darien, Connecticut and a prosperous farmer. His son, John Holmes, Jr., moved from Darien to Glenbrook and also followed agricultural pursuits. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and his public spirit was expressed by service on the Darien school board. He was a charter member of the First Presbyterian church of Stamford and one of its founders. His wife, Catherine (Seeley) Holmes, was also born in Darien, and both passed away in Glenbrook.

Dr. William D. Macdonald began his studies in Glenbrook and in 1901 was graduated from the Stamford high school. He then matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1904, and located in New York city, where he has successfully followed his profession for nearly a quarter of a century. During the World war he promoted the sale of Liberty bonds and for a time was a member of the Home Guard. After his honorable discharge he was ordered to Camp Taylor for artillery training but was not called upon for service owing to the signing of the armistice.

Dr. Macdonald was married June 22, 1921, in Danbury, Connecticut, to Julia Andrews Clark, who was born October 2, 1891, in that city, and in 1910 was graduated from the Danbury high school. In 1915 she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York. For eighteen months she was secretary of the music department of the college, after-

ward doing secretarial work in New York city, and for two years was engaged in war camp community service. Her parents, Dr. Frank P. and Mary Katherine (Benjamin) Clark, were lifelong residents of Danbury and highly respected by its citizens. Dr. Clark was graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons and practiced successfully for thirty-five years. He was a member of the First Congregational church.

Mrs. Macdonald is a member of the First Congregational church of Danbury. She has served as secretary of the Woman's Club of Stamford, is an ex-president of the Woman's Republican Club of Darien and a member of the republican town committee of Darien. For three years she was a member of the public board of recreation in Stamford. She has been active in Girl Scout work and lends the weight of her support to those movements which make for intellectual and moral progress and for good citizenship. Dr. Macdonald is a republican and served for many years as chairman of the Darien school board. He is affiliated with the Union Memorial Church of Glenbrook. He has been identified with the Wee Burn Golf Club for an extended period and has been connected with the Woodway Golf Club for ten years. He was one of the organizers of the Ox Ridge Hunt Club and also belongs to the University of Pennsylvania Club of New York city and the University Glee Club of that city. He is a fellow of the Academy of Dentistry and is a member of the First District Dental Society of New York city, the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. His industry and ability have won for him success and prominence in his profession and during his hours of leisure he enjoys golf, polo and horseback riding. By nature he is genial, sincere and companionable and has a wide circle of loyal friends.

REV. THOMAS J. FINN

One of the ablest and most highly esteemed clergymen of Norwalk is the Rev. Thomas J. Finn, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, to which congregation he has ministered faithfully and efficiently for eighteen years. He was born in Winsted, Litchfield county, Connecticut, on the 3d of November, 1862, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Fitzgerald) Finn, natives of Ire-

land and both deceased. He received his early education in the Franciscan school in Winsted, after which he prepared for the priesthood, pursuing his philosophical and theological studies in St. Bonaventure's College, of Allegany, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1878.

Father Finn was ordained to the priesthood at the cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut, September 18, 1886, and his first appointment was as assistant pastor to St. Mary's parish at Derby, where he served until February, 1900, when he was made pastor of the church at East Port Chester, Connecticut. He remained there until July, 1910, when he was appointed by Bishop Nilan to the irremovable pastorate of St. Mary's church in Norwalk. Here he has done splendid work, building up the church in all of its departments, so that it is now one of the most prosperous and influential religious organizations of this community.

Father Finn is an able sermonizer and a forceful and graceful speaker, his sermons attracting large congregations, while in his pastoral work he has shown a devotion, a tactfulness and a degree of efficiency that has been productive of large results. Personally, he is kindly and gracious in manner, is an optimist in disposition and is deservedly popular among his parishioners, while throughout the community he commands uniform confidence and respect.

GEORGE T. SMITH

George T. Smith, chairman of the board of selectmen, with offices in the town hall at New Canaan, was formerly closely identified with the contracting business but from that field of labor has retired. He was born in New York city, September 25, 1868, his parents being George B. and Lucinda E. (McMasters) Smith. The public school system of his native city accorded him his educational privileges and he was a youth of sixteen years when he became a Connecticut citizen, taking up his abode in Stamford, to work. He was ambitious, carefully saved his earnings and when twenty years of age bought a milk route, which he conducted for two years, selling the business at the end of that time. In Stamford he learned the painting trade and in 1894 removed his business to New Canaan, where as a painting contractor he was active for thirty-five years. The thoroughness

and excellence of his work and his reliable business methods secured to him a liberal patronage until his business was one of very substantial proportions, returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1920 Mr. Smith was called to public office in his election to the office of selectman, to which position he has been reelected each succeeding year, twice having received the endorsement of both parties, and he has served as chairman of the board during the entire nine-year period. No higher testimonial of his capability and his faithfulness could be given than the fact that his course has won him the support of both parties and the entire confidence and good will of his fellow members of the board, who have expressed this in selecting him as chairman. He has also rendered other public service, having been made, in 1922, chief of the fire department, in which capacity he served for two years.

In July, 1890, Mr. Smith was married in Stamford to Miss Florence Mae Toms, and they have become parents of three sons and two daughters: Florence Mae, who is the wife of W. K. Miller and has two children, Florence and Kendall; Walter Franklin; Harold Mansfield, who married Esther Malroy and has two children, Carol and George T.; Hazel Adele, who is the wife of Howard Ruckel and has two daughters, Joan and Jane; and George Howard, who is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Smith has various fraternal, social and trade connections. He belongs to the Fairfield Planning Association, of which he is a director, is a member of the Men's Association and belongs to Fellowcraft Club of New Canaan, of which he was president for two years. He is a faithful follower of Masonic teachings, having membership in Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, R. A. M., of Norwalk, Connecticut; and Washington Council, R. & S. M., of Stamford. His name is on the membership roll of Worcester Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he has likewise served in every office in Wahackma Encampment. He is a past district grand patriarch of the encampment, a member of Rebekah lodge and of the Eastern Star. He likewise belongs to Onyx Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men at New Canaan, is an honorary member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and a member of the volunteer fire department. He is an honorary member of

the Veterans of Foreign Wars and during the World war period he served with the intelligence department of the United States government on private assignments. He has done much active committee work in connection with civic betterment and public progress. His public spirit is one of his pronounced characteristics. He has labored consistently and earnestly for the general good and while holding to high ideals has always employed the most practical methods in their accomplishment. His labors have indeed been far-reaching and beneficial and New Canaan numbers him among her representative residents.

J. EMORY STEVENS

J. Emory Stevens, who conducts the South Norwalk store of Rogers & Stevens, of which firm he is the senior member, is recognized as a business man of more than ordinary ability and, being essentially a self-made man, his success reflects creditably on his determination, industry and sound judgment.

Mr. Stevens was born in Norwalk in 1872 and is a son of Joseph M. Stevens, who died in 1876 after having served for many years as foreman for the J. T. Prowitt Company. The son attended the public schools of his home city until thirteen years of age. When he was nine years old he began to earn his own way by selling newspapers after school hours and on Saturdays, and later secured a position as cash boy and wrapper in Henry Van Hooser's dry goods store, where he worked after school hours until eight o'clock at night. In July, 1886, Mr. Stevens secured a position with the clothing firm of Comstock Brothers, of South Norwalk, the store having originally been established by Henry B. Rogers and William T. Comstock. The Norwalk store was later sold to Arthur C. Wheeler, who conducted it under the name of the Comstock Clothing Company. In 1903 Mr. Stevens formed a partnership with Charles D. Rogers, under the firm name of Rogers & Stevens, and bought the Norwalk store from Mr. Wheeler. They now operate two up-to-date clothing and furnishings stores, one at 29 Wall street, Norwalk, which is managed by Mr. Rogers, and the one at 14 South Main street, South Norwalk, of which Mr. Stevens has charge. They carry a large and complete stock and cater closely to the tastes of their

customers, so that they have built up a large and representative patronage and are numbered among the leading merchants of the city.

In 1893 Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Alice F. Hallock, of South Norwalk, and they are the parents of two daughters, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Warren T. Mayers, who is engaged in the advertising business in New York; and Alice Hallock, the wife of Winfred T. Long, who is also in the advertising business in New York, and they are the parents of a son, Winfred T., Jr.

Mr. Stevens has been a director of the New England Retail Clothiers Association since its inception and was its president in 1926. For two years he also served as a director of the National Retail Clothiers Association. He is a member of Old Well Lodge, F. & A. M.; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men, the South Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Country Club and the Shorehaven Golf and Country Club. He is a man of strict integrity in motive and action, has been guided by the highest of business ideals and all who have come in contact with him hold him in high esteem for his sterling qualities, his ability and his cordial and unaffected manner.

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DANIEL KEOGH

Connecticut has drawn a large percentage of her able attorneys from her native sons, and in this classification belongs Daniel Keogh, a prominent member of the Norwalk bar. He was born in New Haven in 1876, a son of Daniel and Frances (MacMacken) Keogh, and owes his keen intellect and strong physique to his Celtic and Caledonian ancestors. His forbears in the paternal line were early settlers in the vicinity of Dublin, Ireland, and it was there that his father was born. About 1868 he sought the opportunities of the United States, first locating in New York, and was next a resident of New Haven, Connecticut. Later he removed to Norwalk and here passed away in 1904. His wife, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, died in 1906.

In the acquirement of an education Daniel Keogh, Jr., attended the public schools of Norwalk and continued his studies in

Providence, Rhode Island. He was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1914 and began his professional career in Norwalk. His office is now located at No. 79 Washington street in South Norwalk and an extensive practice denotes the confidence reposed in his legal acumen. He devotes much time and thought to the preparation of his cases and his arguments are marked by clearness, logic and force. He is a member of the Westport Country Club and the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. Mr. Keogh holds to a high standard in the field of professional service and enjoys the esteem of his fellow practitioners and all with whom he has been associated, for his life has been guided by those principles which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity.

On the 28th of June, 1912, Mr. Keogh was married to Miss Irene Brown, a daughter of Enoch and Josephine Brown of Norwalk. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Old Well Lodge, F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter, R. A. M.; Monker Grotto and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

ELI BEACH BEERS

Eli Beach Beers, who throughout his entire life devoted his attention to the cultivation and further development of the old family homestead farm at Newtown, was born October 29, 1843, and departed this life January 4, 1925, when in the eighty-second year of his age. He was a son of Lemuel and Eliza (Shepard) Beers, who were married on the 13th of March, 1824. The ancestral line is traced back to Abraham Beers, who was born at Newtown, Connecticut, August 22, 1716, and died in 1780. The family has thus been associated with the state from early colonial days. To Abraham Beers and his wife, Sarah, was born a son, Eli, who married Phedima Peck, a daughter of Jabez and Abby (Sanford) Peck. Lemuel Beers, father of Eli B. Beers, was the son of Eli and Phedima Ann (Peck) Beers. He was a farmer, living on the old family homestead, and it was there that Eli B. Beers was born and reared. After reaching manhood he continued to devote his attention to the cultivation of the fields and the care of the crops and engaged in no other business save that

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he was financially interested in and a trustee of the Newtown Savings Bank.

Mr. Beers married Mrs. Sophronia Warner, widow of Myron C. Warner and daughter of Harry Burton and Rebecca (Sears) Sherman. By her first marriage she became the mother of one daughter, Myra E. Warner, of Newtown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beers, namely: Fannie May, of Newtown; Alice Sherman, who is now the wife of Stephen Ernest Sanford of Bridgeport and has one son, Marvin Beers Sanford; Eli Burton, who is located at Waterbury, Connecticut; and John Cyrus, who operates the home farm. Mrs. Beers died March 31, 1901.

Mr. Beers was a lifelong republican, stanchly supporting the party from the time when he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. At one time he was a member of the board of assessors, but he lived a quiet life, preferring to devote his attention to his agricultural interests rather than to public activities. He held membership in the Pohtatuck Grange and he at all times enjoyed the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen, for he was a substantial citizen, reliable and trustworthy in business and honorable in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

ARTHUR STANLEY TODD

As president of The Mead Stationery Company, Arthur Stanley Todd is a conspicuous figure in mercantile circles of Greenwich and has been closely identified with the city's business life for nearly a quarter of a century, advancing with its progress. In him are manifested the sterling traits of his colonial ancestors, who were useful and influential citizens, industrious toilers and, when necessity demanded, hard fighters.

Mr. Todd is a native of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and a son of Dr. William Sheridan Todd, who was born in Colerain, Massachusetts, January 1, 1840. On the maternal side he was a direct descendent of William Bradford, the first governor of the Plymouth colony, who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. Dr. Todd completed a course in Deerfield Academy and in 1864

was graduated from the Wesleyan University. From Middletown he went to Ridgefield, Connecticut, as an instructor in the classics in the famous Peter Parley School and later was principal of the Hill Academy in Essex, Connecticut, using educational work as a stepping-stone to the medical profession. He studied for a time under the direction of the leading physician of Essex and thus made preparation for entering the College of Physicians & Surgeons of New York city. After his graduation from that institution of learning he returned to Ridgefield and there practiced successfully until his death on the 19th of February, 1893. He was a member of the staff of the Bridgeport Hospital and was frequently called in important consultations. Dr. Todd was unselfish, kind-hearted and sympathetic, a fine type of the old-time physician who brought solace to the mind as well as to the body. He was interested in many activities outside of his profession, particularly those which touched the public welfare, and was a strong advocate of the cause of education. It was owing to his efforts that the public library was established in Ridgefield and he was also the founder of the Ridgefield Press. He was appointed a member of the state charities commission and later while occupying a seat in the lower house of the general assembly of Connecticut, he served on the committee on prisons. Along fraternal lines he was connected with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. A physician of pronounced ability, Dr. Todd attained high standing in his profession and his influence for good deepened as he advanced in years. His character unfolded as the petals of a rose, disclosing new beauties day by day, and his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane (Conklin) Todd, who resides with her son.

Arthur S. Todd attended the public schools of Ridgefield and Norwalk and also had the benefit of instruction under his father. On completing his studies the son went to New Haven and there entered the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. In 1902 he located in Greenwich and engaged in construction work under Joseph T. Weir, who built St. Mary's church and many beautiful residences in the town. Mr. Todd remained with Mr. Weir until the latter's death in 1907

and in the following year became associated with Seaman M. Mead, with whom he formed a partnership in 1912. In 1920 they organized The Mead Stationery Company, of which Mr. Todd has since been president, and in the intervening period the business has rapidly expanded as the result of his carefully formulated plans and wise management. The firm has a fine store at No. 249 Greenwich avenue which is up-to-date in all of its appointments, and in addition to high grade stationery, carries a complete line of radios and victrolas as well as gift articles. The service includes the finishing of pictures for amateur photographers and another important feature of the business is the large job-printing and engraving department. Mr. Todd is also a director of The Putnam Trust Company of Greenwich and The Putnam Cemetery Association.

In 1910 Mr. Todd was married in Oxford, New York, to Miss Nellie Louise Hopkins, a daughter of James Allison and Maria Hopkins. The children of this union are Arthur Stanley, Jr., and James Hopkins Todd, both of whom are attending the Brunswick preparatory school for boys.

The parents are affiliated with Christ church and Mr. Todd is one of its vestrymen. In 1904 he became a member of the Connecticut National Guard and in the same year was made a corporal of his company. In 1905 he was commissioned a second lieutenant and a year later was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He severed his connection with the organization in 1910 but later rejoined the Home Guard, in which he continued for two years as a member of Company A of the Fifth Separate Battalion. During the World war he was treasurer of the local Liberty Loan committee and the Y. M. C. A. and United War Work drives; treasurer of the Greenwich War Bureau and a member of its executive committee. In addition he served on the executive committee of the local chapter of the American Red Cross Society and was secretary of the Greenwich fuel commission. He was also identified with the intelligence service branch of the United States army as a member of the citizens and executive committees and devoted much of his time to patriotic work. Mr. Todd was the first president of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and held that office for two years and was reelected a few years later. He is president of the Y. M. C. A. of Greenwich; a trustee and member of the executive committee and

finance committee of the State Y. M. C. A.; a member of the Greenwich Council of the Boy Scouts of America; president of the Fly Fishers Club of Brooklyn, New York; and a member of the Greenwich Country Club, the Rotary Club and the Indian Harbor Yacht Club. He is also a member of the National Stationers Association, the United Typothetae of America, the New York Employing Printers Association and the Connecticut Valley Stationers Association, in all of which he has held office. His public spirit has been demonstrated by tangible efforts for the general good, and his record reflects credit on an honored family name.

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PHILIP NICHOLS KNAPP

Important and extensive business interests claim the attention, and profit by the ripe experience and keen sagacity of Philip Nichols Knapp, a pioner hat manufacturer of South Norwalk, Connecticut, and nationally known as a member of the Crofut & Knapp Company. He was born in Norwalk, this state, October 16, 1862, a son of James Henry and Mariette (Hoyt) Knapp. The father was born in New York state, May 9, 1832, and the mother in Danbury, Connecticut, February 9, 1836.

Reared in his native city, Philip N. Knapp attended its public schools and a private school conducted by Dr. Fitch, afterward taking a course in the Williston Seminary. From the age of eighteen he has been identified with the hat manufacturing industry of South Norwalk and is a recognized authority on matters pertaining to the business, of which he has made a life study. In the steps of an orderly progression he has risen to the important office of chairman of the board of directors of the Crofut & Knapp Company. The firm specializes in fine felt hats for men and has long occupied a position of leadership in the field which it covers. The Waleswood, one of the latest products of the company, is distinguished by the trim neatness of its lines, the correct colorings and superb quality.

Mr. Knapp was married February 2, 1886, in Norwalk, Connecticut, to Miss Mary L. Pattison, who was born September 24, 1862, in Pine Plains, New York. Her father, Eugene Charles Pattison, was born January 25, 1831, and her mother, Mary Esther (Camp) Pattison, was born March 2, 1833, in Norwalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have two daughters: Julie Ferry, who became the wife of George Webb Shillingsford on the 28th of June, 1913, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; and Esther, who was married November 23, 1922, to George Peter Nelson and resides in Darien, Connecticut.

Mr. Knapp is a vestryman of Trinity church of South Norwalk and shapes his conduct by its teachings. He belongs to the Woodway and Shorehaven Golf Clubs and is president of the latter. Business men respect him for his ability, enterprise and integrity, and his record is a matter of pride to the citizens of South Norwalk, with whom his life has been spent.

EDMUND E. CROWE

One of South Norwalk's most popular citizens is Edmund E. Crowe, who is rendering a high type of service as postmaster, in which office he has had many years of experience, as he is now serving his sixth term, a fact which in itself testifies strongly as to his faithful and satisfactory performance of duty.

Mr. Crowe was born in South Norwalk, in the public schools of which city he received his educational training. He learned the printing trade in the office of the old South Norwalk Sentinel, on which he later became a reporter, and when that paper was changed to a daily he was its first city editor. His ability and character gained for him public recognition and he was appointed postmaster of South Norwalk by President McKinley, and was reappointed by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, serving four consecutive terms. On retiring from that office, after sixteen years of splendid service, he became editor of the Evening Sentinel, which post he held for eight years, and was again appointed postmaster by President Harding and reappointed by President Coolidge, so that on the completion of his present term he will have served twenty-four years. He has taken pride in maintaining the office at the highest degree of efficiency, and his record reflects very creditably on his executive ability, his painstaking attention to details and his honesty.

Mr. Crowe is a son of Colonel James C. and Mary A. (Smith) Crowe, both of whom are deceased. The father was a prominent

contractor and builder. Mr. Crowe is a member of Old Well Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M.; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, at Bridgeport; Clinton Commandery, Knights Templar; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Norwalk Lodge, No. 709, B. P. O. E.; the South Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Country Club and the Board of Trade, of which he is a director. He is a director of the People's Trust Company and vice president of the Norwalk Building, Loan and Investment Association. He has always been a stanch republican in his political affiliation and has served as chairman of the republican town committee and a member of the republican state central committee. A man of sterling qualities of character, straightforward and candid in all of his relations and cordial and friendly in manner, his friends are in number as his acquaintances, and throughout the community in which he has spent his life he commands the highest measure of confidence and respect.

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CHARLES PRENTICE WHITE

At an early age Charles Prentice White manifested that spirit of self-reliance and energy which spurs the individual ever onward and upward, and his constantly expanding powers have placed him with the leading representatives of the wholesale paper industry of New York city—a business which has constituted his life work. He is a product of Connecticut and maintains his home in Glenbrook. A native of Stamford, he was born August 29, 1881, his parents being Charles H. and Kate (Fitts) White. His grandfather, Prentice White, was a successful contractor and a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a Union soldier during the Civil war. Charles H. White was born September 13, 1841, in Brooklyn and chose the line of work followed by his father, becoming widely and favorably known as a builder and contractor. In politics he was a stanch republican but never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He was a deacon in the Stamford Baptist church and organized the Union Memorial Sunday school prior to the establishment of the chapel. He was a citizen of exceptional worth. He passed away at Glenbrook,

May 19, 1891, when forty-nine years of age. His widow was born May 11, 1846, in Brooklyn and still resides in Glenbrook.

Charles P. White attended the public schools of Stamford until 1894, when he began to provide for his own livelihood, and at the age of thirteen entered the service of Coy, Hunt & Company, wholesale paper merchants of New York. For seven years he remained with the firm, mastering the technicalities of the industry, and was advanced to the position of city salesman. In 1905 he became an employe of Charles F. Hubbs & Company, wholesale paper dealers of New York city, and worked his way steadily upward, being now vice president of the corporation, which he has served with fidelity and efficiency for twenty-three years, and his labors have become an integral part of the business, which is one of extensive proportions. In addition he is a director of the Stamford Savings Bank, the Inter-State Cordage & Paper Company, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Hubbs & Corning Company of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. White was married June 12, 1906, in Glenbrook to Miss Emma Holden Gardiner, who was born October 12, 1880, and received her education in Miss Aiken's School. She traces her lineage to the colonial period in the history of this country and in the paternal line is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her great-grandfather, Thomas Gardiner, Sr., was one of the early contractors of New York city and he and his son, Thomas Gardiner, Jr., were the builders of the original Grand Central station in that city. Thomas Gardiner, Jr., had a son, George Gardiner, who was the father of Mrs. White. George Gardiner was a lifelong resident of New Canaan, Connecticut, and a well known capitalist. He was an adherent of the republican party and a Congregationalist in religious faith. His wife, Harriet (Rossborough) Gardiner, was born in Stamford and passed away in Glenbrook. Mr. and Mrs. White have three daughters: Phyllis Rossborough, who was born November 10, 1911, and is a member of the freshman class of the Knox School for Girls at Cooperstown, New York; Shirley Gardiner, who was born June 19, 1914, and is attending the Lucy Paxton school in Stamford; and Charlotte Prentice, born April 19,1917.

During the World war Mr. White was one of the Four-Minute speakers, and his wife was active in Red Cross work. She belongs

to the Garden Club, the Schubert Club and the Woman's Club and is an earnest member of the Union Memorial church of Glenbrook, of which Mr. White has been clerk for twenty-five years, also acting as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is an influential factor in local politics and during 1926 and 1927 served on the republican town committee. He belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Stamford and a member of the Woodway Country Club, the Ox Ridge Hunt Club and the New York Athletic Club. For recreation he turns to golf and other outdoor activities. Throughout life Mr. White has been an earnest, systematic worker, and his success is the merited reward of concentrated effort and proven ability and worth. Unselfish, broad-minded and public-spirited, he has become a strong force for good in his community and is esteemed and respected by his fellowmen.

GEORGE F. GREEN

Among the representative business men of Danbury is numbered George F. Green, who for many years has been identified with the hat industry and is a member of the well known firm of John W. Green & Sons. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1884 and attended the grammar and high schools of Danbury. Later he enrolled as a student at Princeton Preparatory School at Princeton, New Jersey, and was graduated from Princeton University with the class of 1907. He then entered his father's firm and spent two years in the New York offices, learning the selling end of the business. In 1909 he was elected secretary of the firm of John W. Green & Sons, of which he is now treasurer, and for twenty-one years has labored earnestly and effectively to promote the growth of the business, devoting deep thought and study to his work. The firm manufactures soft and stiff fur felt hats for men and also makes bodies for ladies' hats. The Danbury factory is located at No. 27 Pahquioque avenue and equipped with every appliance to facilitate the work, which is first class in every particular. The Green hats have a wide sale and are constantly gaining in popularity.

Mr. Green has been a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal

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church of Danbury for fifteen years and is treasurer of St. James' church school. He manifests a deep and helpful interest in movements for the city's advancement, particularly along moral and spiritual lines; is a director of St. Andrew's Club for Boys, a church society which meets every Sunday night, is a trustee of the Wooster School for Boys and is a member of the board of directors of Fairfield County Y. M. C. A. His social nature finds expression in his affiliation with the Ridgewood Country Club, the Danbury Club and the Princeton University Club of New York city. He is also a member of the Danbury Rotary Club. Mr. Green represents a family whose members have long occupied an enviable position in Danbury, and his influence upon the life of the city has been of the highest order.

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EUGENE P. FAWCETT

Eugene P. Fawcett, manager of the Norwalk Hat Company, is a man of wide experience in the hat-making industry and in his present position is contributing in very definite measure to the success of the well known concern with which he is connected. He was born in New York city in 1876 and is a son of James J. and Lahey Fawcett, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and is deceased. He received his educational training in the public schools of his native city and, going to Orange, New Jersey, worked for Cummings & Matthews, hatters, with which concern he served an apprenticeship of three years. During the following years he worked for various hatters in different parts of the country and in 1925 came to Norwalk, entering the employ of the Norwalk Hat Company. In February, 1927, he was made manager, in which responsible position he is still serving. Possessing an intimate knowledge of every detail of the hat business, as well as marked executive ability, he is rendering a high type of service and has earned the confidence of all with whom he is associated in the business.

Mr. Fawcett was united in marriage in 1898 to Miss Sarah McDonough, and to them were born two children, Ed, who is a student in the Physicians & Surgeons College, in New York city, and Ruth.

Mr. Fawcett is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order

of Elks, the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. A man of forceful character, pleasing personality and agreeable manner, he is not lacking for loyal friends and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

JACOB NEMOITIN, M. D.

One of the ablest and most highly regarded members of the medical profession in Stamford is Dr. Jacob Nemoitin, whose record here, covering a period of more than twenty years, has stamped him as possessing superior ability as a physician and surgeon, while his citizenship has been of a type that has made him a leader in his community.

The Doctor was born in Russia on the 19th of May, 1881, a son of Joshua and Rebecca (Shainin) Nemoitin. His paternal grandfather, Bernard Nemoitin was a native and lifelong resident of Russia and was a rabbi of the orthodox Jewish faith. Joshua Nemoitin was born in Russia in April, 1861, and on coming to this country located in Stamford, where he was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits but is now retired and still resides in this city. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the orthodox Jewish congregation. His wife, who was born in Russia in 1862 and died in Stamford in 1914, was a daughter of Leo and Menucha Shainin, both of whom were natives of Russia. Mr. Shainin was engaged in business for a number of years here, and died in Stamford, being survived by his widow, who still lives here.

Jacob Nemoitin received his elementary education in the public schools of Russia and New York city. In that city he passed the regents' high school examination and matriculated in the medical school of Columbia University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905. He served a two-year interneship in the Beth Israel Hospital in New York and in 1907 located in Stamford, where he has been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery to the present time. He has been more than ordinarily successful and commands an extensive practice. He is an associate member of the medical

staff of Stamford Hospital and belongs to the Stamford Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the Fairfield County Medical Society; the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In September, 1907, in Sullivan county, New York, Dr. Nemoitin was united in marriage to Miss Frances Einhorn, who was born in Russia in 1881 and is a daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Katie Einhorn. Her father, who spent his entire life in Russia, was a successful physician and in early life was a military surgeon. He and his wife were members of the orthodox Jewish congregation. Mrs. Nemoitin was educated in the public schools of Russia and was graduated from the Bethel-Israel Hospital nurses training school in New York city. She takes an active interest in the civic and social affairs of Stamford and is a member of the Woman's Club and the Schubert Club, while during the late war she did effective work in the interest of the Red Cross. Dr. and Mrs. Nemoitin are the parents of a son, Bernard Oscar, who was born in Stamford, January 30, 1909, and was graduated from the Stamford high school. He is a senior in the University of Pennsylvania, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1929, and will afterward take up the study of medicine.

Dr. Nemoitin is a republican in his political affiliation and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His chief diversion from his professional work is art, of which he is a lover, as he is also of nature in all of its aspects. He has been successful in his material affairs and owns a well improved farm at Davenport Ridge. He and his wife are members of the Bethel Jewish congregation. He is a man of kindly and generous nature, gives freely to all worthy benevolent causes, and everything concerning the welfare of the community enlists his interest. Because of his professional ability, his sterling character and excellent personal qualities, he enjoys the genuine esteem of all who know him.

HERVEY W. WHEELER

Hervey W. Wheeler, postmaster of Newtown, was here born September 13, 1870, his parents being John B. and Mary A. (Wilcox) Wheeler. Throughout practically his entire life he has been connected with the mail service. He pursued his education

in the public schools and in the Newtown Academy and then at the age of eighteen years became an employe in the post office as assistant postmaster, his father being at that time the postmaster of Newtown. For four years he continued to efficiently discharge the duties of that position and then entered the railway mail service on the run between New York and Boston. His efficiency and fidelity in that connection are shown in the fact that he continued in the work for twenty years. He then returned to the home farm, which he conducted for a decade, and in 1922 he was appointed postmaster, in which position he has since continued, making an excellent record for faithful and capable service.

At Newtown, Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Nellie Hubbell, a daughter of William and Josephine (Briscoe) Hubbell. They had one son, Russell, a graduate of Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York, who married Margaret Craig, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. In April, 1925, Hervey W. Wheeler married Ruth Snow.

His politcal support has always been given to the republican party and aside from his incumbency in the office of postmaster he has served as a member of the board of assessors and of the Newtown school committee, being a stalwart champion of the cause of education. He belongs to Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft. He enjoys the respect and good will of all who know him, for his has been a well spent life characterized by marked fidelity to duty.

JOHN LUND

One of the most prominent and best known educators of Fairfield county is John Lund, superintendent of schools of Norwalk, in which position he is rendering able and appreciated service. He was born in Nordreland, Norway, on the 10th of February, 1891, and is a son of Sverre and Else Margarethe Lund. His father, whose family was of English origin, was born in Drammen, Norway, May 6, 1870, and his mother, who is of German and Norse ancestry, was born in Stavanger, Norway, September 24, 1861.

John Lund was brought to the United States in childhood and received his early education in the public schools of Cambridge, Arlington and Worcester, Massachusetts. After graduating from

the English high school in Worcester, he entered Clark University, in that city, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. He took postgraduate work in education at Teachers' College, Columbia University, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1914, and a special educational course at Yale University in 1923. During the school year of 1914-15 he was instructor in history, civics and public speaking in the Suffield school at Suffield, Connecticut, and during the two following years was principal of the Sidney Lanier school at Eliot, Maine. In 1917-18 he was instructor in civics in the Central high school in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and during the ensuing year was superintendent of schools at Derby, Connecticut. From 1919 to 1923 he served as superintendent of the schools of Winsted and Norfolk, Connecticut, after which he was for two years superintendent of schools at Wallingford, Connecticut. In 1925 Mr. Lund came to Norwalk as superintendent of schools, and under his capable and efficient supervision, the schools have been maintained at a degree of excellence which reflects creditably on his executive and educational ability.

On January 1, 1917, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Lund was united in marriage to Miss Ada Louise Oliver, who was born in that city, November 3, 1890. Her mother, whose ancestral line runs back to Revolutionary tories, is still living in Worcester at the age of seventy-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Lund have been born four children, namely: David Rolf, Richard Sverre, Christine Marcia and Grace Louise.

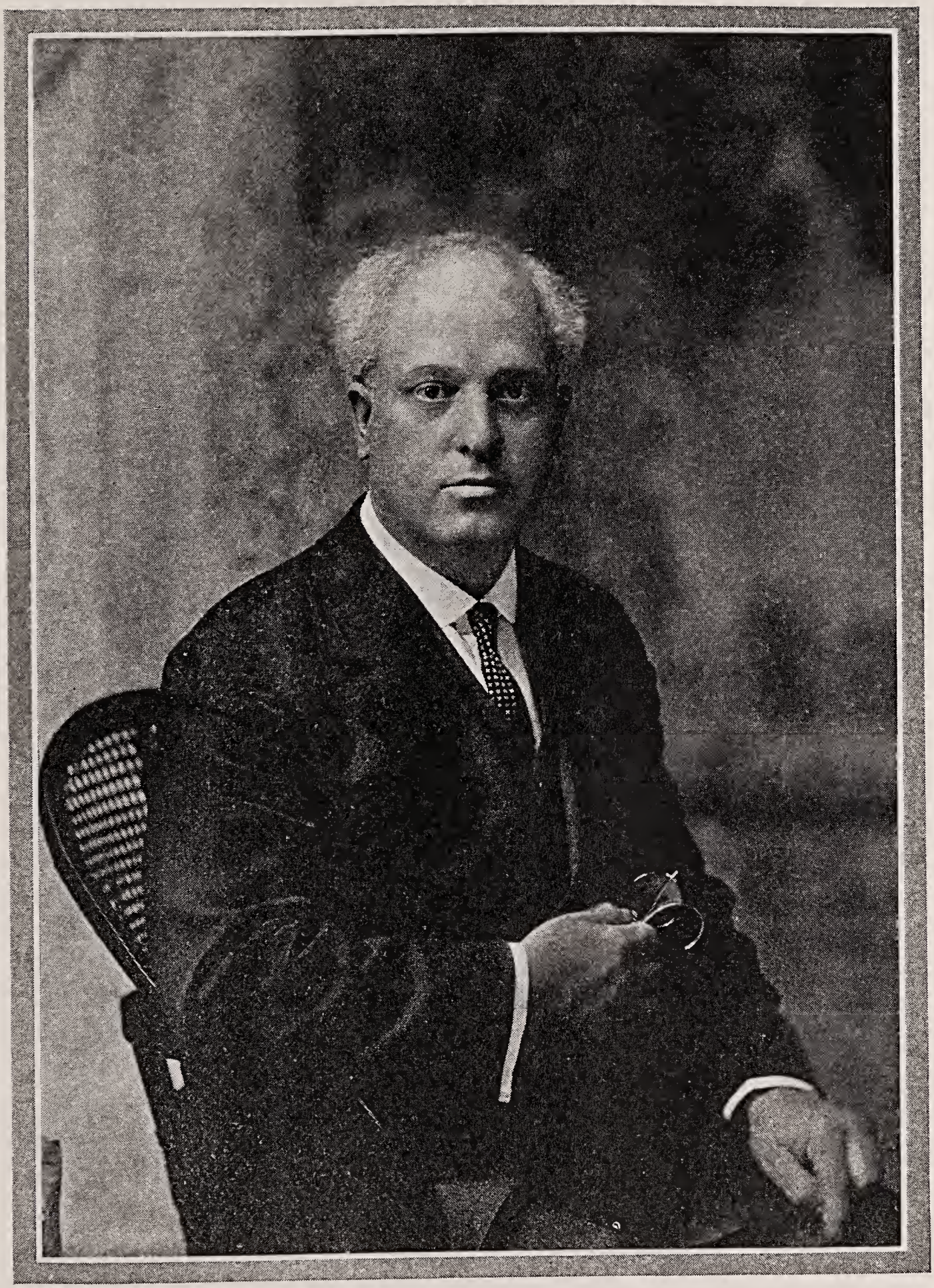
In his political views Mr. Lund maintains an independent attitude, supporting the men and measures which in his judgment will most greatly promote the public welfare. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., at Winsted, Connecticut; Meridian Chapter, No. 15, R. A. M., at Winsted, and Tyrian Council, No. 31, R. & S. M., also at Winsted. He is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which order he is a past grand patron of the Connecticut Grand Chapter. He belongs to the Norwalk Kiwanis Club, of which he was president during 1928; a former member of the Wallingford Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; a member of the Norwalk Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a director; and a member of the executive committee of the Norwalk Boy Scouts and of the advisory council of the Norwalk Girl Scouts. He and his wife are

members of the Congregational church. Mr. Lund was for a number of years a member of the Connecticut State Guard, having belonged in succession to Company M at Bridgeport, Company F at Derby and Company I at Winsted, serving as supply sergeant of the last named. He is past president of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, a life member of the National Education Association, Department of Superintendence, N. E. A., and the Connecticut State Teachers Association. A well educated, symmetrically developed man, he has been eminently successful in his life work and in the various communities in which he has resided he commands confidence and respect for his ability, accomplishments and sterling personal qualities.

HENRY WILLARD ALLEN, M. D.

Although numbered among the more recent additions to the medical fraternity of Bridgeport, Dr. Henry Willard Allen has had broad experience in his profession in Fairfield county and is widely and favorably known as a proctologist. He was born in Westport, Connecticut, July 25, 1877, a son of Captain Frederick and Mary Jane (Wheeler) Allen, and represents one of the oldest families of the state. He traces his ancestry to Ethan Allen, who was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, January 10, 1737, and died at Burlington, Vermont, February 13, 1789. During the Revolutionary war he was colonel of the "Green Mountain Boys" and captured Fort Ticonderoga from the British, May 10, 1775.

Dr. Henry W. Allen is the fifth in line of descent from Captain Samuel Allen, of Litchfield, who was in command of a sailing vessel carrying passengers and freight and was lost at sea. His son, Stephen Allen, was born in Litchfield and always resided in that locality, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was the father of Elijah Allen, who was a native of Litchfield and fought in defense of New York city during the War of 1812. He also followed the occupation of farming and was an Episcopalian in religious faith. His demise occurred in Ridgefield, Connecticut, but his remains were interred in Union cemetery at Norwalk. His wife was Clarissa Benedict and they were the parents of Captain Frederick Allen, who was born in Ridgefield, May 25, 1835. He was a master mariner and at first had charge



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of a ship plying between Savannah, Georgia, and European ports, while later he was in command of night boats operating from New York to Boston. During the Civil war he was a Union soldier and the latter part of his life was spent in Westport, Connecticut, where he passed away May 20, 1897. He was a member of the Episcopal church and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife was born in Kinderhook, New York, March 16, 1847, and died in Newark, New Jersey, March 20, 1901. She was a daughter of Martin Ward Wheeler, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in October, 1805, and died in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1869. His attention was devoted to the leather industry and he achieved success as a manufacturer of morocco. He was an adherent of the republican party and an Episcopalian in religious faith. His mother was a descendant of John Winthrop, the first governor of Massachusetts. His wife, Caroline Matilda (Kemper) Wheeler, was born November 20, 1823, in Hudson, Columbia county, New York, and died in East Norwalk, Connecticut, April 18, 1891. She was related to Bishop Jackson Kemper, who was consecrated in 1835. He was the first missionary bishop of the Episcopal church of America and the first rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Norwalk. A distinguished prelate and a tireless worker, he accomplished much good and Kemper Hall of the University of Wisconsin was named in his honor. John Kemper, the American progenitor of the family, was a native of Holland and came to this country in 1756, settling in Hudson, New York.

Dr. Henry W. Allen received his public school education in South Norwalk, Connecticut, and prepared for college under the direction of the Rev. Homer M. Dunning, D. D., afterward attending the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and the State Normal School at Trenton, New Jersey. He next matriculated in the Medico-Chirurgical School of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1909. For a time he was identified with the public health and marine hospital service in Florida and then located in South Norwalk, Connecticut. In April, 1912, he transferred his professional activities to Ridgefield, where he has since made his home, his office and residence being at No. 153 Main street. Since May 10, 1926, he has maintained an office on the fifth floor of the Professional building on Lafayette street in Bridgeport, and has many patients in both

places. In treating diseases of the rectum he has been notably successful and is regarded as one of the foremost proctologists of this part of the state. He is the author of a work on "Diseases of the Rectum," issued in 1926.

Dr. Allen was married July 25, 1911, to Mrs. Edith Mary (Whitford) Dexter and has two adopted sons: William Arthur, who was born May 11, 1914; and Paul Ethan Allen, born March 10, 1916.

The Doctor enjoys outdoor life and is an enthusiastic fisherman. His political support is given to the republican party, and his religious views are in harmony with the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which the members of his family have always adhered. He served in the Home Guard during the World war and is loyal, patriotic and public-spirited in all matters of citizenship. Dr. Allen's professional standing is indicated by the fact that he holds a fellowship in the New York Academy of Medicine and Medical Association of the Great City of New York and also in the American Academy of Conservatory Proctology. He is deeply interested in the scientific and humanitarian phases of his work and has chosen the vocation which affords the best medium for the expression of his talents.

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ALBERT ELMER AUSTIN, M. D.

Dr. Albert Elmer Austin, a physician of high standing, has practiced at Sound Beach for more than twenty years and is also one of its well known financiers. As a member of the state legislature he did notable work and is now health commissioner of Greenwich, while he also has to his credit a fine military record. He was born in Medway, Massachusetts, November 15, 1877, a son of Henry Cotton and Leah Martha (Huddlestun) Austin, natives respectively of New Haven, Connecticut, and Charleston, West Virginia. The father was chairman of the board of assessors of Medway for twenty years; served as town clerk and treasurer for twelve years, and filled all of these offices at the time of his death, May 16, 1911, faithfully and efficiently discharging every trust reposed in him.

Dr. Austin was reared in his native town and in 1895 was graduated from the Medway high school. His higher education

was acquired in Amherst College, from which he received the A. B. degree in 1899 and that of A. M. in 1904. For two years he was an instructor in the high school at Attleboro, Massachusetts, having charge of the Latin department, and he was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1905. Returning to Medway, he was associated with Dr. Charles Bemis for two years and then located in Sound Beach, where he has maintained an office since September 1, 1907, devoting particular attention to cardiovascular diseases. Under appointment of Governor Holcomb, he served as district surgeon of the fourth military district of the Connecticut National Guard, with the rank of major, and during the World war was chosen by General Crowder as the medical member of the local draft board. Dr. Austin enlisted June 1, 1918, and two days later was commissioned a captain in the medical corps of the United States army. He was sent to Camp Custer near Battle Creek, Michigan, and made regimental surgeon of the Two Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment of Engineers, attached to the Fourteenth Division, under command of Major General Grote Hutchinson. Later Dr. Austin was transferred to the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., as assistant chief of the medical service and was honorably discharged April 18, 1919. He resumed his professional activities in Sound Beach and is now a member of the staff of the Greenwich Hospital, and is also an associate of the staff of the Stamford Hospital. He is regarded as one of the leading heart specialists of this part of the state and draws his practice from a wide area. Dr. Austin is also an astute financier and since May, 1925, has been president of the Sound Beach Trust Company, the affairs of which he is ably and successfully administering.

In 1922 Dr. Austin was united in marriage to Mrs. Ann Clare Boothe of New York city. In politics he is a republican and in 1916 was chosen to represent his district in the Connecticut legislature. In 1920 he was recalled to that office and his outstanding achievement in the legislature was as a member of the committee of public health and safety, which revolutionized the method of public health administration in the state. Since 1917 he has been health commissioner of the town and borough of Greenwich, exerting his best efforts in their behalf, and his labors have been productive of much good. In spite of a busy professional life he has found time to devote to the civic interests of his town. He

has been president of the Sound Beach Association since its organization in 1913, and it may be said that he has been prominently identified with every progressive movement in his community.

Dr. Austin is identified with the American Legion, the Masonic order, the Sound Beach Country Club; the local, state and county medical societies and the American Public Health Association. He is a fellow of the American Medical Association, a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of England. While at Amherst he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and he is also a member of the honorary fraternities, Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. Dr. Austin has constantly broadened his scientific knowledge. During the winter of 1923 he studied abroad, doing postgraduate work at the University of Berlin under Goldscheider, Klemperer and Guggenheimer. His knowledge and practical experience have been used for the benefit of his fellowmen, and his life has been a serviceable factor in the cause of human progress.

HON. JOHN DUNCAN MILNE

John D. Milne, superintendent of the Norwalk district of the Connecticut Light & Power Company, is one of Norwalk's best known citizens, having held many local positions of trust and responsibility, and no resident of the community stands higher than he in public esteem.

Mr. Milne was born in Rockville, Tolland county, Connecticut, on the 4th of December, 1865, and is a son of William and Flora (Duncan) Milne. The mother died in Rockville in 1927. The father, who is also deceased, was for some years foreman for the Hartford Gas Company and in 1861 was actively connected with the construction of the plant of the Rockville Gas & Electric Company, which he managed for some years.

John D. Milne attended the public schools of Rockville, graduating from high school, after which he took over the management of the Rockville Gas & Electric Company, with which he was connected until 1898. In the spring of that year he and two of his brothers enlisted at Rockville for service in the Spanish-American war, joining the First Regiment Connecticut Volunteer

Infantry, of which John D. Milne was made sergeant major. One of his brothers, James W. Milne, was killed while in the service. They left Rockville in May and John D. and his surviving brother returned on the 1st of November, 1898, when they were honorably discharged.

On December 4, 1898, John D. Milne came to Norwalk and took charge of the gas works for the Norwalk Gas Company, now known as the Connecticut Light & Power Company, and during the thirty years that he has been with that corporation he has rendered highly efficient service in various capacities. He has served under thirteen different mayors and in 1927 was appointed superintendent of the Norwalk district, under Mr. Harris. He is devoted to the interests of his company, the service of which he endeavors to maintain at the highest possible standard, and he is regarded as an unusually efficient official.

Mr. Milne was first married in 1893 to Miss Mary Coleman of Scantic, Connecticut, and they were the parents of a son, William Coleman, who was born in this city, January 9, 1900. On April 17, 1912, Mr. Milne was united in marriage to Miss Julie A. Smith, of Norwalk.

He received his early education in the public schools of Norwalk, after which he took a two-year engineering course in Wentworth Institute in Boston. Returning to Norwalk, he entered the employ of the Connecticut Light & Power Company here, and was later transferred to New Britain. He enlisted for service during the World war, joining the aviation branch of the army, and was first stationed at Fort Slocum, being later transferred to San Antonio, Texas, and from there to Belleview, Illinois, where he had charge of hangars. He gave loyal and effective service and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. He is now associated with the Connecticut Light & Power Company at New Britain. On May 31, 1928, he married Miss Stella Buckley, a niece of Judge James Walsh, of Greenwich, and a sister of Judge William Buckley, of Bridgeport.

John D. Milne has always given his political support to the republican party and has long been active in local public affairs. When he first came to Norwalk he was made captain of the fire police and later chief of the Norwalk fire department. During the period of the Bull Moose political movement he was elected a member of the Norwalk city council, being the only republican elected.

He was also elected a member of the first council of the consolidated city of Norwalk and has since served thirteen years as president of the first district, two six-year terms and now on his third term. He has also served two terms as chairman of the republican town and city committee, and is representing the twenty-sixth senatorial district in the state senate, being elected in 1926 and again in 1928. He is a member of the manual and roll committee, chairman of the insurance committee and a member of the roads, rivers and bridges committee and of the executive appointment committee. During 1912-13 he was president of the State Firemen's Association. He is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; the chapter, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Norwalk Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Spanish War Veterans; and the Norwalk Club, of which he was president for two years and is now a director. He is also a director of the Norwalk Hospital and a member of the advisory board of the Norwalk Savings Society. Mr. Milne is a man of great energy and initiative ability, has been true and loyal to every obligation of citizenship, and in his private and public life has exemplified the highest type of true manhood, so that he has to an unusual degree commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

LEVI CURTIS MORRIS

Levi Curtis Morris, a merchant successfully conducting a general store and at the same time taking active and helpful part in community affairs, was born June 28, 1858, in Newtown, where he still makes his home. His father, Eli Frink Morris, was a native of Brookfield, Connecticut, born in 1834. He married Emily Platt and died at the age of thirty-two years, when his son Levi was a lad of but eight summers. The mother survived and passed away in New York in 1908.

After mastering the early branches of learning taught in the public schools Levi C. Morris attended Harry Peck's private school at Greenwich, Connecticut. He started out in the business world by entering the employ of Sanford & Hawley, general merchants, with whom he remained for two years. He was after-

ward in the general store of L. B. Booth for a period of ten years, at the end of which time his employer failed in business. Mr. Morris, with long previous experience, then established a store of his own, conducting it for twelve years or until it was destroyed by fire. In 1913 he moved to the present location and through the intervening period has carried on a general mercantile trade, having a well appointed establishment and winning a considerable patronage through the recognition of the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. He is also a trustee of the Newtown Savings Bank, which he aided in incorporating. For forty years he has also been a funeral director. He started in that business in partnership with William Prindle and the partnership relation between them was continued for thirty years, at the end of which time Mr. Morris purchased the interest of his long time associate. Later Rodney P. Shepard became associated with him under the present firm name of Morris & Shepard.

Aside from business Mr. Morris has taken an active part in the public life of the community. He was elected to the position of first selectman, being the first man in twenty-five years chosen to that office on the republican ticket—a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him. In 1923 and again in 1925 he was called upon to represent his district in the state legislature and during both terms in the house he served on important committees and gave stanch support to those measures which he deemed of vital importance to the state. He has twice been warden of the borough of Newtown and was a member of the board of assessors for two years, covering 1926 and 1927. He was likewise one of the directors and one of the incorporators of the Newtown Water Company and for twenty-three years has most efficiently filled the office of treasurer.

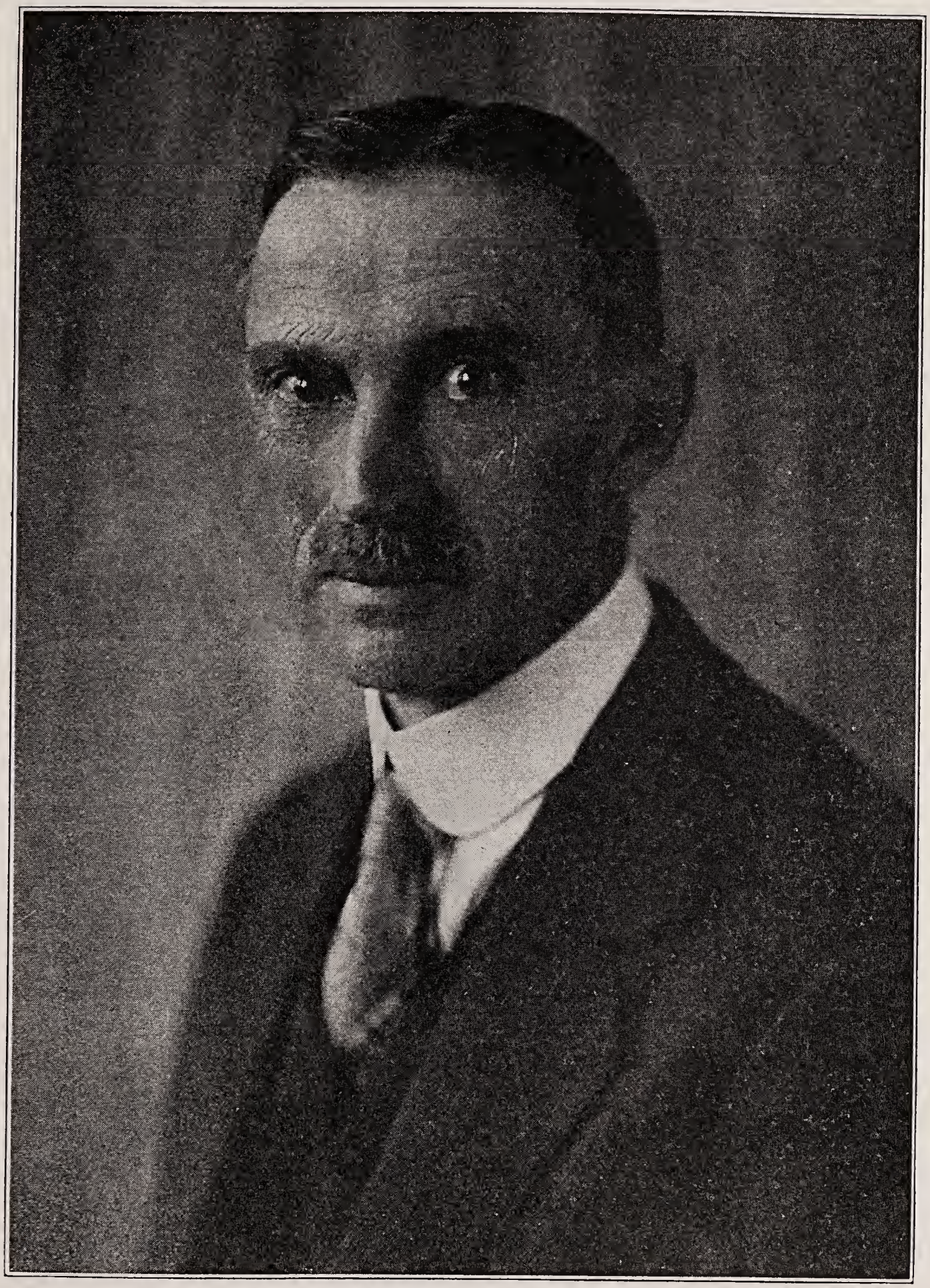
On the 1st of October, 1879, in his native city, Mr. Morris married Miss Fannie C. Peck, a daughter of John Beers and Charlotte (Colt) Peck. They have three children: Curtis Peck, who married Mabel Denton and has one son, Denton Morris; Mabel, who is the wife of Howell Wright, of Cleveland, Ohio, and has three children, Edwin K., Francis and Morris; and Levi Phillips, who is married and has one son, Arthur.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church, with which Mr. Morris has had membership relations for more than fifty years and has been treasurer of the church for

forty-five years. He is also a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of which he has been secretary for ten years, and of Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., and Worcester Council, R. & S. M. His son, Levi Phillips Morris, served in the World war, being for two years in France, and during that period Levi C. Morris was manager for every drive for the Red Cross, the Near East Relief and other active agencies to improve World war conditions. He was very successful in this work and in times of peace as well he has stood loyally for the best interests and welfare of the community.

PHILIP WARREN PRIOR, D. D. S.

Dr. Philip Warren Prior has for more than three decades successfully followed his profession in Stamford, rendering to its citizens that service which only the skilled, experienced dental surgeon is capable of giving. He was born in North Stamford, July 5, 1872, a son of Dr. Israel and Mary F. (Brown) Prior, and in both the paternal and maternal lines is descended from men of courage and valor who fought for American independence as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. His grandfather, Israel Prior, Sr., was born on Staten island in 1805 and died at Stamford in 1864. He was the owner of several boats which transported produce from New York city to Stamford and one sloop was named for Jenny Lind, the great singer, who was known as the "Swedish nightingale." In religious faith he was a Baptist and his political support was given to the whig party. His wife, Eleanor (Lake) Prior, was born on Staten island in 1806 and died in Stamford in 1888. Their son, Dr. Israel Prior, was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, December 7, 1842, and completed his education in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1864. He was a physician of high standing and practiced for many years in North Stamford, where he passed away March 8, 1900. His religious views were in accord with the teachings of the Congregational church and in politics he was a republican. His wife was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, September 18, 1840, and died in Stamford in December, 1922. Her father, Philip H. Brown, was born in Westbury,



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England, in 1820 and died in Stamford in 1892. During the Mexican war he served as a captain in the Ridgefield Militia and afterward engaged in contracting, building up a large business. He was a republican in his political convictions and conformed his life to the teachings of the Congregational church. His wife, who was a Miss Rockwell, was a native of Ridgefield and there passed away in 1847.

Dr. Philip W. Prior received his public school education in Stamford grammar and high schools and was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry, now the University of New York, in 1892, but being under twenty-one years of age could not receive his degree until 1893. For two years he was a student in a homeopathic medical college and then began his career as a dental surgeon in Stamford, locating at the corner of Atlantic avenue and Park row. He was associated with Dr. Philip H. Brown, Jr., until 1915, when he removed his office to his residence —16 Fourth street. He built his present home in 1893.

Dr. Prior was married June 25, 1895, in Littleton, New Hampshire, to Miss Susan E. Russell, who was graduated from the high school of that place. Her father, George Russell, was born in Orford, New Hampshire, and in early life drove a stage-coach through Crawford Notch in the White Mountains to Portland, Maine. He was purser on a steamboat operating on Lake Memphremagog at one time and later he conducted a hotel. He was also a prosperous farmer and passed away in Stamford. His wife, Julia (Elkins) Russell, was also a native of New Hampshire and her demise occurred in Littleton, that state.

In 1889 Dr. Prior received an appointment to West Point Military Academy as alternate, and in 1892 joined the Connecticut National Guard and fourteen years later was placed on the retired list. In 1898 he volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming captain of Company K, and in 1899 was promoted to the rank of major. He resigned in 1899 but was recalled for service in 1904 and participated in the army maneuvers at Manassas, Virginia. Along strictly professional lines he has membership connection with the Connecticut State Dental Association. He is an ex-president of the Stamford Historical Society, with which Mrs. Prior is also connected, and she is likewise a member of a number of women's clubs. The Doctor is non-partisan in politics, voting for the candidate whom he considers

best qualified for office, and his religious views are in harmony with the tenets of the Congregational church. Dr Prior's hobby is archaeology and his deep interest in this subject has led to his extensive travels in this country and in foreign lands. He is a cultured gentleman of broad and liberal views and an able and progressive exponent of his profession.

EDWARD BRUSH HOIT

For nearly half a century the name of Hoit has been prominent in commercial circles of Stamford, for during that time Edward B. Hoit has been actively engaged in the meat business here. He is progressive and up-to-date and his establishment is now one of the largest and most important of its kind in this section of the county.

Mr. Hoit was born in the old Hoit homestead at Longridge, Stamford, Connecticut, on the 20th of August, 1847, a son of John Lee Count and Rebecca Ann (Brush) Hoit. He is a direct descendant of Simon Hoit, a native of England, who landed in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1628 or 1629, and shortly afterward went to Charlestown, of which he was one of the first settlers. In 1633 he moved to Dorchester, and in 1635 went to Scituate, where, on April 19th of that year, he and his wife joined the church. There he built a house, in which he lived until about 1639, when he removed to Windsor, Connecticut. He moved to Fairfield, Connecticut, before 1649, and sometime between that year and 1657 he settled in Stamford, where his death occurred September 1, 1657. Among his descendants was Edward B. Hoit's grandfather, Deacon Calvin Hoit, who was born in Castleton, Vermont, October 15, 1785. He became a farmer and established his home in Stamford, Connecticut, where his death occurred. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Ferris, who died June 15, 1851. They were the parents of John Lee Count Hoit, who was born in Stamford, April 24, 1816, and died April 24, 1907. During his active years he was a prominent farmer and cattle dealer. He resided at the homestead at Longridge and during the last forty years of his life lived in the new residence which he built near the house in which he was born. He supported the republican party and was an active member of the

Stanwich Congregational church for seventy years. He was actively interested in public affairs but never sought office. His wife was born in Indiana in 1822, and died in Stamford, April 6, 1866. She was a daughter of Edward Brush, of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Edward B. Hoit attended the public schools of Stamford and an academy at Greenwich, after which he remained at home until 1879, when he came to Stamford and, forming a partnership with his brother, Norman L. Hoit, and his brother-in-law, William H. Bowen, engaged in the meat business. About six months later he bought the interests of his partners and continued the business alone with marked success. In 1890 he built the store at 486 Main street in which the business has been conducted to the present time. In 1907 the business was incorporated as the E. B. Hoit Company, of which he has been president continuously since, while A. B. Chichester is vice president and W. W. Brush is secretary. The store is known as the Grand Central Market and has grown steadily in popularity owing to the sound business methods which have been exercised in its management until now it draws trade from all the surrounding towns. In connection with the market is a large, modern refrigerating plant, while all of the other equipment and appointments are up-to-date. In recent years the company has also handled a fine line of groceries, which has added materially to the service which it has been able to render to its patrons. In 1892 Mr. Hoit became interested in Stamford real estate as a member of the firm of Ayers Brothers & Hoit, which for a number of years developed large tracts of land in Stamford and Greenwich, selling lots and building a number of houses, which were sold. Mr. Hoit still has extensive real estate holdings in Stamford and in Florida.

On December 24, 1874, near Greenwich, Mr. Hoit was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide V. Bowen, who was born at that place, March 14, 1854, and is a daughter of William and Sabina (Bonnell) Bowen. Her father was born in Wales in 1820 and died in Stamford in October, 1880. He followed farming during his active years, was a republican in his political preference and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Greenwich in 1825 and died in October, 1914, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rich Bullwinkle, at Central Valley, New York. Mrs. Hoit was educated in the public schools of Stamford

and for many years took an active interest in local affairs, having been one of the organizers of the Woman's Club and a member of the Schubert Club. She is a member of the Ladies Guild and the Missionary Society of the Congregational church, to which she has belonged for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoit have two adopted children, namely: Mrs. Florence A. Anderson, of New York city, who has a daughter, Helen, now attending high school in New York; and E. Kenneth Hoit, of Stamford, who is an electrician by trade and was for ten years in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He married Miss Lillian Dickens, of Stamford.

Mr. Hoit has always supported the republican party, served as a member of the board of assessors two years and has held other town offices. He has long been a member of the Congregational church, of which he is deacon emeritus and served for a number of years as a member of the church committee. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and has always shown a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his city and county. He is a man of solid and substantial qualities, has proven dependable in every relation of life, and to a notable degree commands the respect and confidence of the people among whom he has lived and labored for so many years.

ARTHUR I. CRANDALL

Arthur I. Crandall, who proved his courage and devotion to his country by service in the World war, is now numbered among the enterprising realtors of Stamford and has also figured prominently in other lines of activity, possessing all of the qualities essential to success in the business world. He was born in Nanuet, Rockland county, New York, July 9, 1888, a son of Charles Henry and Catherine (Ferguson) Crandall, and is a scion of one of the oldest families in this country, being a direct descendant of the Rev. John Crandall, a Baptist minister, who came to Rhode Island with Roger Williams soon after the Mayflower landed at Plymouth.

Henry Sargent Crandall, the grandfather of Arthur I. Crandall, was a native of Greenwich, New York, and there engaged in merchandising as a young man. During the gold rush of 1849

he started for California, going by train to Chicago and making the balance of the journey by horseback and ox team. Fortune favored him and after his return to the east he entered the custom house of New York city, with which he was identified for a number of years, remaining in that city until his demise. He had served in the Civil war and was an officer in the Union army. While a resident of Greenwich he represented the municipality in various capacities, manifesting a deep interest in civic affairs. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a Baptist in religious faith. His wife, Mary (Carmichael) Crandall, was born in Troy, New York, and passed away in Brooklyn.

Their son, Charles Henry Crandall, was born June 30, 1864, in Greenwich and became deeply interested in the subject of literature. He became a journalist and for a number of years was a society reporter for the New York Tribune. Mr. Crandall's talent as a writer won him distinction in the field of literature and among his best known published books of poems are: "Wayside Music," "The Chords of Life" and "Songs from Sky Meadows." He also produced a book of war poems, dedicated to Stamford's soldiers, and a volume entitle "Representative Sonnets by American Authors." He was an adherent of the republican party and a member of the Baptist church. His wife was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1862 and became a society reporter for the New York World. She was also endowed with literary gifts and achieved prominence as a writer of short stories. Her life was terminated in 1892, when she was a young woman of thirty, and her husband passed away in Stamford, March 10, 1923, when he was fifty-eight years of age. Robert Ferguson Crandall, one of their sons, was an officer in the United States army and an instructor at the first Plattsburg training camp. He went to France with the Third Division and was decorated for distinguished service in a foray over the Marne river into German territory with a few picked men. With their assistance he succeeded in capturing several of the enemy and took from one of the Germans a document containing much valuable information in regard to the movements of their troops. While endeavoring to carry a wounded comrade to a place of safety he was killed July 17, 1917, at the battle of the Marne, during the height of the German bombardment, and the body of this American hero was laid to rest in Stamford. Another son,

Roland D. Crandall, was also a member of the American Expeditionary Force. He served at Cambrai with the Eleventh Engineers and was attached to the map visibility bureau at Chaumont, France, as a member of the General Headquarters Staff.

Arthur I. Crandall received a public school education and assisted his father, who was extensively engaged in farming and fruit raising in the vicinity of Stamford, until twenty-five years of age, and in 1913 started out in life for himself. He was the first to operate a bus line in Westchester county, New York, and did a heavy hauling and contracting business, also conducting an automobile sales agency at Bedford Hills, New York, with his three partners. They had eighteen male employes and during the World war seventeen of the eighteen men connected with the business volunteered for service, a notable record unequaled by any other commercial organization in the country. Mr. Crandall enlisted at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in March, 1918, and six weeks later sailed for France as a member of Company A of the Three Hundred and Twenty-eighth Battalion, First Brigade, Tank Corps. He rose to the rank of sergeant tank commander and was honorably discharged March 10, 1919, at Camp Meade, Maryland.

Returning to New York, Mr. Crandall reentered the automobile business at Bedford Hills and remained there until 1921, when he became the distributor of Dodge Brothers motor cars in Stamford, Greenwich, New Canaan, Darien and Norwalk, Connecticut. Later he sold the business to the Stratton-Bliss Company of New York city, which had acquired the territory from Dodge Brothers, and was made general manager of these branches. He acted in that capacity until 1924, when he was selected for the post of wholesale manager for the Oakland and Pontiac automobiles with offices at Fifty-seventh street and Broadway in New York city. This company discontinued service in November, 1926, and Mr. Crandall next assumed the duties of Metropolitan sales manager for the Oakland-Pontiac division of the General Motors Corporation. In January, 1928, he opened a real estate office in Stamford at 204 Atlantic street and is now specializing in high class residential and country property, operating under his own name, and under his wise management the business is rapidly expanding.

In October, 1922, Mr. Crandall was married at Bedford Hills,

New York, to Miss Alexandra Marie Rosberg. She is a daughter of Magnus Rosberg, a retired merchant of Bedford Hills and sister of Mrs. Joseph L. Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a strong republican and when but twenty-one stumped the state of Connecticut for Theodore Roosevelt. He is a director of the Stamford Hills Association and a member of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the High Ridge Country Club and Union Lodge, No. 5, of the Masonic order. Mr. Crandall is a devotee of golf and also enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoor life. Industrious, efficient and trustworthy, he has steadily advanced toward the goal of success, and his record reflects credit upon an honored family name.

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JOHN J. FARRELL

Studiousness, combined with the habit of thoroughness, has brought John J. Farrell to the fore in legal circles of Norwalk, and he is also a prominent member of the New York bar, with offices at 165 Broadway, New York city, and 38 Wall street, Norwalk, Connecticut. He was born in 1891 and is a native of Stamford, Connecticut. His father, Thomas J. Farrell, passed away in 1922, but his mother, Mrs. Nora (Hanlon) Farrell, resides in Norwalk.

John J. Farrell attended the parochial school of Norwalk and received his higher education in New York city, graduating from Fordham University in 1914 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar of New York and also qualified for practice in Connecticut. Mr. Farrell began his professional career in New York city, where he is still engaged in practice. He specializes in real estate law and commercial matters and is secretary of the Norwalk Credit Association. To his chosen line of work he gives his undivided attention and his legal acumen and careful preparation of his cases have brought him a liberal clientele. He was one of the corporators of the Fairfield County Savings Bank.

On November 25, 1924, Mr. Farrell was married in Norwalk, to Miss Alice M. Kane, a daughter of Richard J. and Mary (Coglan) Kane, and they now have two children, Alice M., born

October 4, 1925; and John J., Jr., born August 7, 1927. The family residence is at 156 East avenue, Norwalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and along fraternal lines Mr. Farrell is connected with the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, and the Woodmen of the World. He is treasurer of the Norwalk Bar Association and also belongs to the Lions Club of Norwalk and the Norwalk Club. Thoroughly cognizant of the responsibilities of his profession, he aids in maintaining its high standards, and is esteemed by his fellow practitioners and the general public as well.

FRANK AVERILL QUINTARD, D. D. S.

Well equipped for the work of his profession, Dr. Frank Averill Quintard has made substantial progress therein and occupies an enviable position in dental circles of Stamford. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, March 22, 1900, and is a son of Harry C. and Ada M. (Averill) Quintard. His grandfather, Henry F. Quintard, was born in Sound Beach, Connecticut, and followed the occupation of farming in that district for several years, removing to Stamford after his retirement. He was a member of the Congregational church and an adherent of the republican party. His wife, Mary Jane (Campbell) Quintard, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and both passed away in Stamford. Their son, Harry C. Quintard, was born in Sound Beach, Connecticut, and following his graduation from Yale University in 1893 taught in a boys' private school in Bridgeport for several years. Thereafter he was associated with the Armstrong Cork Company in Camden, New Jersey, and later in New York city. He came to Stamford following the death of his first wife and later married Frances Isabel Scofield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Scofield of Stamford. Due to ill health he was compelled to give up his work in New York, opening a mail order magazine subscription agency business here. His death occurred in Stamford in 1928. His political support was given to the republican party and he was a zealous member of the First Congregational church. He was formerly one of its deacons, served as president of the Men's Club and was also a member of

DR. FRANK A. QUINTARD

the committee that directed the building of the present church edifice facing Bedford Park. His first wife, the mother of Dr. Quintard, was born in South Britain, Connecticut, and died in Haddonfield, New Jersey. She was a daughter of Samuel P. Averill, who followed agricultural pursuits in Connecticut, his native state. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist and his political views were in accord with the tenets of the republican party. His demise occurred in South Britain, and his wife, Julia (Mitchell) Averill, died while on a visit to Stamford. It is on this side of the family that Dr. Quintard represents the tenth generation in direct descent from Matthew Mitchell, one of the original settlers and founders of Stamford in the year 1641.

Dr. Frank A. Quintard was graduated from the high school in Stamford, Connecticut, and for two years was in the employ of Richards & Company, which at that time was making gun cotton for the government. While attending Brown University he was enrolled in the Students Army Training Corps and sent to an officers training camp at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. There he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps and after the termination of the war he matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, which awarded him the degree of D. D. S. in 1923. In the same year he came to Stamford, locating at No. 1 Bank street, and in 1925 removed to the Bedford Park apartments, where he has since remained. His office contains the latest and best dental appliances and a large practice is evidence of the high quality of his work.

Dr. Quintard was married June 21, 1924, in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, to Miss Sarah E. Adams, who was born in Coatesville, that state, May 8, 1897, and received her public school education in the latter place, afterward entering Bucknell University, of which she is a graduate. Prior to her marriage she was dietician in a hospital at Camden, New Jersey, and also taught for three years in the high school at Media, Pennsylvania. Her father, John Quincy Adams, was born in Pennsylvania and is connected with the Bethlehem Steel Company. He is a prominent Mason, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He resides in Bethlehem, and his wife, Elizabeth (Rose) Adams, is also a native of the Keystone state. Dr. and Mrs. Quintard

have a daughter, Sarah, who was born August 27, 1925. A son, Frank Averill, Jr., was born April 2, 1929, and died on the 5th of the same month.

The parents are affiliated with the First Congregational church and Mrs. Quintard is connected with a number of its societies and also with the Woman's Club of Stamford. The Doctor is president of the Men's Club of the church and also belongs to the Lions Club of Stamford and Theta Chi, a national college fraternity. He is a member of the Western Fairfield County and Connecticut State Dental Societies and the American Dental Association. During his hours of recreation he indulges in boating, swimming and fishing and thus obtains renewed vigor for his daily tasks. Dr. Quintard's interest centers in his work and his industry and ability insure his continued progress in the vocation of his choice. He is a young man of high principles, and a winning personality has drawn to him a large and ever widening circle of loyal friends.

CHARLES DEWITT ROGERS

One of the most important enterprises of Norwalk is the business of the firm of Rogers & Stevens, dealers in men's and boys' clothing and furnishings, who own and conduct two stores, one at 29 Wall street, Norwalk, and the other at 14 South Main street, South Norwalk. They enjoy an excellent reputation for courteous and prompt service and square dealing and command a large and constantly increasing business.

Charles Dewitt Rogers was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, in 1874, and is a son of Henry Benjamin and Marie Louise (Hoyt) Rogers. The father was long engaged in business in Norwalk and South Norwalk, conducting men's clothing stores, but later sold to the Comstock Clothing Company, A. C. Wheeler becoming president of the Norwalk store. He was primarily a clothing manufacturer at New Canaan, and in addition to the South Norwalk store, he had stores at Norwalk, New Canaan and Ansonia, Connecticut, and Keene, New Hampshire, all of which he supplied from his factory.

Charles D. Rogers received his early education in a private

school in New Canaan until twelve years of age, when he entered the King School, at Stamford, Connecticut, which he attended for five years. Later he took a business course in the Packard Institute, of New York city. In 1892 he was employed as a clerk in the South Norwalk store of Comstock Brothers, with which concern he remained until 1903, when he and James Emory Stevens formed a partnership, under the name of Rogers & Stevens, and purchased the Comstock interests, covering the Norwalk and South Norwalk stores. Mr. Rogers has charge of the Norwalk store and Mr. Stevens of the South Norwalk store. They are both practical and experienced men in their particular line and are devoting themselves closely to their business, in which they are meeting with very satisfactory success.

In 1912, in France, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Hollingsworth, daughter of William T. P. and Mary (Hoyt) Hollingsworth, of New Canaan, Connecticut, and to them have been born four children, Henry B., Charles Hollingsworth, David Hoyt and William H.

Mr. Rogers is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M.; Washington Council, No. 6; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Bridgeport Consistory; and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Shorehaven Golf and Country Club, the Norwalk Club, the Norwalk Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He is a man of keen business instincts, makes a careful study of the demands and tastes of his trade, and his success has been attained through his determined and well directed efforts. Personally he is courteous and friendly, is deservedly popular among his associates, and throughout the community is held in high regard.

HON. WILLIAM FRANCIS TAMMANY

An able and astute lawyer and prominent and popular citizen of South Norwalk is William F. Tammany, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession here for many years and commands a place in the front rank of the successful attorneys of Fairfield county. Mr. Tammany was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1873 and is a son of Joseph and Mary A. (Gilhuly) Tammany, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of Norwalk. His father was brought to this country at the age

of four years and spent his early years in Newark, New Jersey, where he received his education and later was employed in various hat factories of that city. When seventeen years old he came to South Norwalk, Connecticut, and entered the service of the United States government, in which he continued up to the time of his death.

William F. Tammany attended the public schools of Norwalk, after which he took up the study of law in the office of Judge John H. Light, of South Norwalk. In 1897 he was admitted to the bar and later engaged in practice with his preceptor, with whom he was associated as student and partner for twenty-one years. In 1915 this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Tammany was alone in practice until 1919, when he joined Paul Richard Connery, with whom he is still connected, having offices at 106 Washington street. He has devoted his attention assiduously to his professional work and has won a reputation as a sound and safe counselor and an able, determined and resourceful trial lawyer, having been uniformly successful. He is also a director of the South Norwalk Savings Bank and for many years was a member of the board of directors of the Public library.

In 1901 Mr. Tammany was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Murphy, of Norwalk, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (O'Connor) Murphy, both of whom were natives of Ireland and are deceased.

For many years Mr. Tammany has been prominently identified with public affairs and served as mayor of the old city of South Norwalk in 1911-12. He was first corporation counsel of the new city of Norwalk from 1913 to 1915; was judge of the city court of Norwalk in 1911-12; was again appointed city corporation counsel for the term of 1921 to 1923; and since 1912, when the new city of Norwalk was established, has been attorney for the second taxing district and for the board of electrical commissioners of the district. He has always been interested in civic matters for the benefit of the community and has done much to promote the welfare of his city and county. Religiously he is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, the Shorehaven Golf Club, the South Norwalk Club and the Norwalk Country Club. Golf is his favorite diversion. Cordial and affable

in manner, he easily makes friends, and throughout the community he is held in high regard for his ability and sterling character.

ERNEST MARTIN LOFGREN

Ernest M. Lofgren, who has engaged in the practice of law in Stamford for the past ten years, was born there on the 8th of April, 1897, a son of Charles and Clara (Stahlknapp) Lofgren. Both parents are natives of Sweden, and are now living in Stamford, where the father is employed as a foreman in the plant of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. Ernest M. Lofgren received his early education in the public schools of Stamford, graduating from high school in 1914. He then entered the employ of Cummings & Lockwood and while there pursued the study of law at the New York Law School, from which he was graduated in 1918. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and immediately afterward entered the army of the United States. After his discharge in 1919 he became associated with John C. Durey, of Stamford. In 1922 the firm became Durey & Pierson, and in the following year the name was again changed, becoming Taylor, Durey & Pierson, and Mr. Lofgren has remained identified with this well known law firm to the present time.

On August 9, 1924, in New Canaan, Connecticut, Mr. Lofgren was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Smith, who was born in that place, December 23, 1902, and is a daughter of George B. and Florilla (Harris) Smith, the former of whom was born in New York city and the latter in Brooklyn, New York. They have for many years lived in New Canaan, where Mr. Smith is engaged in the painting business. He gives his support to the republican party, and he and his wife are members of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal church. Mrs. Lofgren attended the public schools of New Canaan and was graduated from the Stamford high school in 1920. She is a descendant of Anneke Jans Bogardus, who owned a farm in that portion of New York city, now the property of the Trinity Episcopal church. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren are the parents of a son, George Ernest, born June 14, 1925.

Mr. Lofgren has always given his political support to the republican party and maintains a good citizen's interest in public affairs. He was recently elected a justice of the peace. He is a member of the American Legion and belongs to the Stamford Bar Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and the American Bar Association. He and his wife are earnest members of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Lofgren is a veteran of the World war. He enlisted in August, 1918, and was in training at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, from which he was transferred to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Later he was assigned to Debarkation Hospital Five, at Grand Central Palace, New York city, and from there to General Hospital One, at Williamsbridge, New York, at which place he was honorably discharged in September, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. He is a man of agreeable personal traits, has shown himself true and loyal in every relation of life, and to a marked degree commands the confidence of all who know him, while in social circles he is extremely popular.

EDWIN H. GREEN

Edwin H. Green, a representative business man of Danbury, was born in this city in 1888 and is a son of John W. and Julia (Snell) Green, natives of England. He attended the Peekskill Military Academy and Pawling School of New York. On entering his father's factory, he started at the bottom and progressed through the various departments, mastering every phase of the hat industry. The business is conducted under the style of John W. Green & Sons, Inc., of which he is secretary, and has charge of the sales end. He is a capable executive and maintains a high standard of efficiency in the operation of his department. The plant is located at No. 27 Pahquioque avenue, and the hats manufactured by the firm have a wide sale owing to their high quality and uniform excellence.

In 1913 Mr. Green was married in Danbury to Miss Marjorie Von Gol, a daughter of J. K. Von Gol, also a well known hat manufacturer, and to them have been born five children, those living being Katherine, Jane, Edwin H., Jr., and Marjorie. Mr.

EDWIN H. GREEN

Green occupies an enviable position in business and social circles of Danbury and is a native son whose record is a credit to the city. He is a member of the Danbury Club.

RODNEY PROCTER SHEPARD

Business enterprise and a progressive spirit find expression in the life record of Rodney Procter Shepard, of the firm of Morris & Shepard, general merchants of Newtown. His entire life has been passed here and his fellow townsmen know him as a substantial and worthy citizen. He was born at Newtown, May 26, 1888, a son of Charles Newton and Mary L. (Wenzel) Shepard. After mastering the early branches of learning taught in the district schools he continued his education in the Newtown Academy and when his textbooks were put aside he obtained his initial business experience in the Newtown post office, where he served as assistant postmaster from 1908 until 1916. At the latter date he purchased the general store of Henry Rupf and three months later he became associated with Levi C. Morris in a partnership that has since been maintained under the firm style of Morris & Shepard. They conduct a well appointed general store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods, and their patronage is steadily growing as the result of their progressive methods.

At New Milford, Connecticut, on the 9th of November, 1916, Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Evelyn C. Chapin, a daughter of Asa L. and Cora (Hartwell) Chapin. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs; Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs, serving as treasurer since 1919; and Danbury Council, R. & S. M. He is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man. In community affairs he has also taken a deep and helpful interest. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he has filled a number of local offices. He was tax collector for three years and since 1916, or for a period of more than twelve years, he has continuously and efficiently served as treasurer of the borough. He is also a member of the borough board of finance and since

1916 he has continuously served as treasurer of the Newtown Country Club and as a member of its board of governors. He is social and friendly in his relations with his fellowmen and of genial disposition, his many good qualities winning for him the kindly regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

REV. ALEXANDER HAMILTON

One of the ablest and most highly esteemed men who have honored Fairfield county with their residence was the late Rev. Alexander Hamilton, who for nearly six decades had devoted his life to the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church and at the time of his death, which occurred June 2, 1928, was rector emeritus of Christ church, Westport.

Mr. Hamilton was born at Setauket, Long Island, New York, on the 9th of September, 1847, and was a son of Major Alexander and Elizabeth (Nicoll) Hamilton, the former of whom rose to the rank of general during the Civil war. The paternal grandfather, John Hamilton, was a son of Alexander Hamilton, the founder of the financial system of the United States and one of the greatest figures in the history of this country.

Alexander Hamilton, of this review, who was the first clergyman in the Hamilton family for the past four hundred years, received his early education in the little red schoolhouse on Setauket green. Composing the class of which he was a member were nine boys, all of whom achieved prominence in after years as lawyers, physicians or clergymen. Later his parents moved to Ramapo valley and he attended Pompton (N. J.) Academy. As there was no church in Ramapo valley, his father read religious services in the schoolhouse. Later, at Suffern, New York, a church was erected and the young man took an active part in the services. At the outbreak of the Civil war Major Hamilton reported for duty, which made necessary the removal of the family to New York, where he was inspector of troops, with his son acting as his adjutant. In 1861, when the Committee of Seventy was formed, of which John Roosevelt was chairman and Major Hamilton secretary, Alexander Hamilton served as messenger to the committee.

After the close of the war the last named attended Chester

(N. Y.) Academy, where he prepared for St. Stephen's College. He was licensed as a lay reader by Bishop Potter on May 9, 1869, and acted as such in various parts of Westchester county, one place being Vista, where, on July 19, 1869, in the little red schoolhouse, he held services which developed into St. Paul's chapel at Lewisboro. He was ordained to the ministry on December 19, 1870, and acted as missionary in Westchester county, his itinerary covering Pleasantville, Chappaqua, Mount Kisco and the church at Lewisboro. He was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1873, after which he went abroad and in England and on the continent officiated in various churches. Upon his return to the United States, Mr. Hamilton officiated in various parishes in New York city and Westchester county. He moved to Norwalk in 1887 and was assistant at St. Paul's church. In 1890 he served as rector and missionary at Weston, Redding and other places nearby, and was subsequently in charge of parishes in Harlem valley, Dutchess county, New York, western Massachusetts, Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut, and officiated on Long Island and at Rye, New York.

Resuming his residence in Norwalk in 1918, Mr. Hamilton became minister in charge of Christ church, Westport, of which he became rector emeritus two years later. From the time of his ordination in the Church of the Transfiguration, "The Little Church Around the Corner," in New York city, for more than fifty years Mr. Hamilton officiated in the public worship of the church on every Sunday. He gave intense devotion to his sacred calling, was a forceful, able and instructive preacher, a faithful and efficient pastor and a friend to all men, ever ready and anxious to contribute to the welfare and good of those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of the following societies: chaplain-general of the Order of Cincinnati; chaplain of the New York State Society of Cincinnati; former chaplain of the Daughters of Cincinnati; Sons of the Revolution; former chaplain of the Colonial War Society; chaplain-general of the Society of the War of 1812; Military Order of Foreign Wars; former chaplain-general of the Veteran Corps of the War of 1812; chaplain of the New York state division of the Veteran Corps of the War of 1812; St. Nicholas Society; a charter member of the Lords of the Manor, of New York; former grand chaplain of the Masonic Grand

Lodge of Connecticut; chaplain of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., of Norwalk; the Order of the Eastern Star and the Norwalk Club. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the various communities in which he lived and served as a member of various boards of education.

Mr. Hamilton was married twice, first to Miss Adele Livermore, to which union were born five children, two of whom are living: Alexander, Jr., who is with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company of New York city, and Alma Elizabeth. On May 26, 1909, he married Miss Mary Clark Spurr, a daughter of George Henry and Harriet Elizabeth (Smith) Spurr, of Sheffield, Massachusetts. Mr. Spurr, whose death occurred in 1920, was for many years successfully engaged in the marble and monument business, from which he eventually retired, though he retained his position as the president of the Sheffield Water Company until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were born two sons, Alexander van Cortlandt was born September 28, 1914; and Richard Warren, born February 7, 1918. Mrs. Hamilton was educated in Housatonic Hall, a private boarding school for girls, after which she took up special work in Barnard College, New York city. She immediately became interested in club work, serving for over two years as president of the Woman's Club of Sheffield, Massachusetts. After her marriage, in 1909, she moved to Woodbury, Connecticut, to live and there joined the Woman's Club and became active in numerous church societies, being also chairman of the anti-suffrage movement in Litchfield county. She joined the Mayflower Society, but after moving to Rye, New York, to live she transferred her membership to the New York state society. While living in Rye, New York, she also joined the Colonial Dames. Shortly afterward she came to Norwalk, Connecticut, to live and here became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was regent from 1927 to 1929. Nine years ago she became one of the organizers of the Hospital Sewing Society, of which she was elected the first president, which position she has held continuously since. She is also a member of the George Washington Sulgrave Institute, which was formed at first to take over the old Washington house in England. She also is an active member of the Woman's Club of Norwalk, and organized, in Norwalk, the Children of the American Revolution. She has thus been prominent and influential in many

worthwhile organizations and, because of her ability and tact, her gracious personality and her charming manner, she is held in the highest esteem by all who know her.

ALBERT F. YOUNG

Albert F. Young, secretary and treasurer of the Peerless Fur Company, of South Norwalk, has had many years of practical experience in the hatters' fur business, to which he has devoted his attention from young manhood, and in his present enterprise is meeting with a very gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Young was born in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1885 and is a son of Patrick Francis and Bridget (Downs) Young, the former of whom was born in Ireland, June 6, 1855, and the latter at Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut, of Irish ancestry, July 8, 1858. Albert F. Young attended the public schools of Danbury and then began his identification with the hat business by becoming an apprentice with the Danbury Hat Company, with which concern he remained for eight years. He then went to work for his father's firm, the P. F. Young & Sons Company, furriers, at Danbury, with whom he remained for ten years. On leaving Danbury Mr. Young came to South Norwalk and became manager for the Kerr-Durnin Fur Company. He filled that position for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Kerr succeeded to the business, and Mr. Young continued as manager until February 1, 1928, when he and his brother, Maurice A. Young, and Robert Bennett, took the business over from the Kerr estate. When Mr. Kerr became owner he changed its name to the Peerless Fur Company, under which name the new owners incorporated the business. The Peerless Fur Company has always been at its present location, 18 Woodward avenue, and the firm is now specializing in blown fur and roundings. Maurice A. Young is president of the company, and Albert F. Young is secretary and treasurer. They have two highly esteemed brothers in Danbury, John and William, both of whom are engaged in the manufacture of hatters' fur under the name of P. Young & Sons Company.

In 1915 Albert F. Young was united in marriage to Miss Inez Tyrell, of South Norwalk. He is a man of progressive tendencies, is up-to-date in his business methods and deserves specific recog-

nition for his splendid record as manager of the business of which he is now one of the owners. He is a man of excellent personal qualities and all who know him hold him in the highest regard.

Maurice Augustus Young, president of the Peerless Fur Company and a brother of Albert F. Young, was born in Danbury, Connecticut, December 12, 1891. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and also attended the gunnery school at Washington, Connecticut. In 1914 he became associated with his father in the firm of P. Young & Sons Company, at Danbury, with which concern he remained until May 23, 1917, when he enlisted for the World war, in which he served two years in France with the First Engineers. In 1920 he embarked in the fur manufacturing business, which he continued until February 1, 1928, when he joined his brother, Albert F., and Robert Bennett, in the incorporation of the Peerless Fur Company, of which he is president. He has shown marked executive ability and is numbered among the able and successful business men of South Norwalk.

On April 18, 1921, in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church in Waterbury, Connecticut, Maurice A. Young was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Nichols, who was born in Derby, this state, September 28, 1897. She is a daughter of William F. and Anna (Rourke) Nichols, the former of whom was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, October 8, 1872, and the latter in Ireland, March 3, 1874. Mr. Young is a member of Norwalk Lodge, No. 709, B. P. O. E., and his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church.

WILLIAM A. KELLY

Among those who are worthily representing the profession of law in Stamford stands William A. Kelly, whose record as a practitioner has been one of distinctive success, gaining for him a place among the capable and reliable attorneys of this locality. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on the 25th of February, 1895, and is a son of Dr. John Devin and Marianna (Schraub) Kelly. His paternal grandparents were John and Bridget (Devin) Kelly, both of whom were born in Ireland and died in Sherburne, New York. John Kelly was a farmer and a

democrat in his political faith. John D. Kelly was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, April 1, 1847, and died in Hamden, Connecticut, January 10, 1920. He was a well educated man, having graduated from Colgate University with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, after which he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practiced his profession at Hamden and New Haven, Connecticut, and Providence, Rhode Island. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church and gave his political support to the democratic party. His wife was born in Lowville, New York, March 15, 1862, and is now residing in Hamden, Connecticut. She is a daughter of Henry and Salome (Ladenburg) Schraub, the former of whom was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and the latter in Alsace-Lorraine. They located in Lowville, New York, where Mr. Schraub followed the profession of teaching, and died in that place. He held the position of school commissioner, supported the democratic party and was an Episcopalian in his religious faith.

William A. Kelly attended the public schools, graduating from the Hamden public school and New Haven high school in 1913. He was graduated from Yale University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917, and from Yale Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1919. He was admitted to the bar of Connecticut in June, 1919, and to the bar of New York state in January, 1921. He was associated with the law firm of Eidlitz & Hulse of New York city for three and a half years and in June, 1923, came to Stamford, where he became associated with the firm of Cummings & Lockwood. He was admitted to a partnership in this firm on January 1, 1928. He has earned a reputation as a careful and painstaking lawyer, giving loyal and effective service to his clients, and he has met with flattering success in the practice of his profession. He is a member of the Stamford Bar Association and the Bar Association of New York City.

On November 7, 1925, in Stamford, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Louise Frelinghuysen Smith, who was born in Somerville, New Jersey, January 25, 1904, and is a daughter of Charles J. and Laura (Chambers) Smith. Her father, who is deceased, was a wholesale dealer in lumber and coal in Somerville and was held in high esteem in that locality. Her mother now

resides in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Kelly was graduated from the Low-Heywood School in Stamford, and is a member of the Stamford Woman's Club and the Junior League. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are the parents of a son, William Gaines, born March 15, 1928.

In his political affiliation Mr. Kelly is a strong democrat and has shown a live interest in local public affairs, having served as chairman of the committee on assessments and taxation of the city of Stamford and in October, 1928, was elected to the board of finance of the town of Darien. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., at Stamford; the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, the Chamber of Commerce, the Woodway Country Club, the Ox Ridge Hunt Club, the Yale Club of New York city, the Bar Association of the City of New York and the Stamford Bar Association. He and his wife are members of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church and he was formerly president of the Men's Club of that church. He is also president of the Democratic Club of Darien. He is a lover of outdoor life, golf and horseback riding being his favorite forms of recreation, and he is extremely popular in social circles. Because of his earnest life, straightforward manner and sterling character, he commands the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

ABRAHAM WOFSEY

Abraham Wofsey, who for a number of years has been successfully engaged in the practice of law in Stamford, has a well merited reputation as a learned, capable and resourceful attorney and stands high in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this city. He was born in Dvinsk, Russia, on the 10th of September, 1889, and is a son of Isaac J. and Rebecca M. (Weyler) Wofsey. His father was born in Russia in 1862 and brought his famliy to the United States in 1906, being engaged in the jewelry and watchmaking business in Stamford until his death, which occurred July 15, 1915. His wife was born in Russia, September 12, 1861, and still resides in Stamford. Isaac J. Wofsey was a man of upright character, square in all of his business dealings and commanded the genuine respect of all who knew him.

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Abraham Wofsey attended the public schools of Russia and after coming to this country entered the law school of New York University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with honors in 1914. He was admitted to the bar of Connecticut, January 17, 1915, and soon afterward entered upon the practice of his profession in Stamford. He was alone in the practice until April 1, 1923, when he formed a partnership with Samuel Gordon under the firm name of Wofsey & Gordon, and they now have offices at 25 Bank street. This is regarded as a strong and effective combination and the firm commands a large clientele. Mr. Wofsey served as assistant prosecuting attorney from 1918 to 1920; later as prosecuting attorney for the city court of Stamford, and is now judge of the city court. He is a member of the Stamford Bar Association, the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

On August 1, 1915, in New York City, Mr. Wofsey was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bluming, who was born in Libau, Russia, September 12, 1889. Her father, Joseph Bluming, was a native of Russia and brought his family to this country in 1904, becoming the owner of a farm at Kerhonkson, New York, to which he devoted his attention until his death, which occurred in New York city in April, 1926, when he was seventy-two years of age. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Jewish congregation. Mrs. Wofsey, who was educated in the public schools of Russia, is a member of the congregation of the Temple of Bethel at Stamford and of the National Council of Jewish Women. Mr. and Mrs. Wofsey became the parents of four children, namely: Isaac J., who was born December 23, 1916, and was graduated with honors from the Rogers public school in January, 1928, at the age of eleven years; Sybil M., born August 4, 1922; Richard, who was born October 6, 1924, and died in January, 1925; and Robert, born August 6, 1926.

Mr. Wofsey is a stanch republican in his political views and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs. During the World war he took an active part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, doing effective work as a four-minute speaker. He is a member of Roosevelt Lodge, No. 130, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; Stamford Lodge, No. 899, B. P. O. E.; and the Independent Order

of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Court of Honor and the Stamford Council Boy Scouts of America, Inc. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and stands ready to cooperate in all movements for the advancement of the community along all legitimate lines. He is a member of the Temple of Bethel Jewish congregation, of which he is president; a member of the board of directors of the Stamford Hebrew Institute, Inc.; and is active in other Jewish organizations. He is a man of high ideals, to which he is true, is loyal to the spirit and institutions of his adopted country, and all who know him hold him in high regard for his genuine worth as a man, lawyer and citizen.

REV. RICHMOND HERBERT GESNER, S. T. D.

Under the guidance of the Rev. Richmond Herbert Gesner, Trinity church of Newtown has enjoyed a steady and satisfactory growth. His earnest labors, his zeal and his devotion to the cause which he serves have won for Rev. Dr. Gesner the love and support of the people of his parish. He was born in Kingston, New York, a son of the Rev. A. H. Gesner, a prominent clergyman of the New York diocese, who at that time was rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Kingston. The son pursued his education in Holbrook's Military Academy at Ossining, New York, and in St. Stephen's College at Annandale, being graduated from the latter with high honors in 1883. He had determined to follow in the footsteps of his father and devote his life to the ministry and to this end he entered the General Seminary of New York, in which he completed his theological training in 1886, his alma mater conferring upon him the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1887.

His initial experience in the work of the church came to him under the Rev. Dr. Haughton, rector of St. John's church, Yonkers, in 1886. He acted as curate there until Dr. Haughton was called to Bryn Mawr, when the Rev. Dr. Gesner became his successor as minister in charge at Yonkers. In 1887, upon the nomination of Bishop Potter, he was appointed rector of St. James church, Hyde Park, New York, where he continued his labors for four years, his efforts being of far-reaching effect and

importance. He then devoted a year to mission work in Tower, Minnesota, at the earnest request of Bishop Gilbert.

In 1890 Dr. Gesner was married in St. Peter's church, Albany, to Miss Ida Virginia Brett, and four daughters were born to them, namely: Gertrude, Marguerite, Virginia and Katharine. Mrs. Gesner died at Oswego, New York, November 11, 1919.

In 1891 Dr. Gesner was appointed rector of Zion church at Morris, New York, becoming the successor of two famous divines, Bishop Tuttle having been rector of that church for nearly forty years, while his predecessor, the Rev. Amos B. Beach, had served the parish from 1838 until 1850. In 1894 Dr. Gesner was called to Christ church of West Haven, Connecticut, the second oldest church in the Connecticut diocese. He labored there for four years and then went to Trinity church at Lime Rock, Connecticut, where he continued until 1906, when he became rector of Christ church at Oswego, New York. On the 11th of September, 1924, he entered upon his duties as rector of Trinity church of Newtown and St. John's church of Sandy Hook. The parishes have grown steadily and many young people have become identified with the two churches, which together have about three hundred communicants. He has not only won the love of his people but the respect and confidence of the entire community and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant. He is again and again called upon to officiate at marriages and at funerals of people other than his parishioners. He has done valuable work in the church organizations, serving for seven years as a member of the standing committee of the diocese of central New York, the most important committee of the diocese. For two years he acted as its secretary and upon the resignation of Dr. Coley as president of the committee he was elected president, thus serving at the time of his election to the Newtown churches in 1924. During the illness of Bishop Fiske he was acting as ecclesiastical authority in his administration of the diocese and he was president of the convention in 1924 which elected Rev. Dr. Coley, a son of Connecticut, as suffragan bishop. In 1908 Dr. and Mrs. Gesner were appointed delegates from central New York to represent the diocese at the Pan Anglican congress in London. In 1912 Syracuse University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. Dr. Gesner is a man of scholarly attainments and of open mind, ready at all times to embrace the truth which

comes to him in enlightenment upon any subject. He is a clear and forceful speaker, of kindly spirit and of broad sympathy, and his labors in the church are proving of far-reaching effect.

OSCAR FREDERICK SCHULTZE

A contemporary writer said: "The reader of biography can see much between the lines, for very few of the men who have attained success tell how they accomplished it. As one author has said: 'Success may be compared to a valuable commodity in the market; it costs something to get either.' In the history of Oscar Frederick Schultze, one of the enterprising business men of Norwalk, it is seen that his success has been the result of constant effort and diligent purpose." He is now the owner of fifteen stores, comprising a chain, located in Bridgeport, Westport, Norwalk, South Norwalk, East Norwalk, Ridgefield, Darien, Stamford, Coscob and Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr. Schultze was born in New York city, February 8, 1885, his parents being Oscar Douglas and Mary (Baker) Schultze. His grandfather, George Schultze, was born and reared near Stettin, Germany, and came to America about 1858, settling in West Cromwell, near Westfield, Connecticut. He was born in 1803, and was a baker by trade, but worked most of the time after coming to this country in the shops of the J. O. Smith Manufacturing Company at Westfield. He died in 1874, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, Mrs. Wilhelmina Schultze, also a native of Stettin, passed away in 1864. They were Lutherans in religious faith and attended worship in the Congregational church at Westfield.

Oscar Douglas Schultze, youngest of a family of ten children born to George and Wilhelmina Schultze, was born January 4, 1859, in the town of Cromwell, and grew up in the Westfield section, attending the country school during winter terms until he was thirteen years of age. He was accustomed to labor during the summer at an earlier period. His first efforts were on farms, but later he became a butcher and followed this occupation for many years. For a period of seventeen years he was engaged in the meat business in Middletown, until he was compelled by broken health to retire in April, 1919. Mr. Schultze is a member

of the South Congregational church, and has always endeavored to fulfill the duties of a good citizen. Politically he has affiliated with the democratic party, and has served two years as a member of the city council and a like period on the board of aldermen. On the 3d of May, 1882, Mr. Schultze married Mary Becker, a native of Cromwell, Connecticut, and a daughter of Philip and Caroline Becker, both of whom came from Germany. Of the fifteen children of Mr. and Mrs. Schultze, six are now living. The second and the eldest son receive extended mention below.

Oscar F. Schultze was eight years old when his parents returned to Westfield, Connecticut, and there he attended the public schools and later a private school in Meriden. He then entered the employ of S. E. Bailey & Son, of Middletown, and learned the meat business. In 1914, Mr. Schultze began business on his own account by establishing a market at No. 39 Main street in Norwalk and another at the corner of Washington and Railroad avenues in South Norwalk. Subsequently he added a market in Stamford, but sold this after a year. About 1916 he established a market in Bridgeport, in partnership with a Mr. Keane. This was incorporated under the name of the Keane & Schultze Company, of which Mr. Schultze was president until selling out in 1918. In March, 1920, he formed a partnership with Charles Preusser, who had been in his employ for several years, and under the firm name of Schultze & Preusser started another market in Bridgeport. As above stated, Mr. Schultze is now the owner of a chain of fifteen stores located in Bridgeport, Westport, Norwalk, South Norwalk, East Norwalk, Ridgefield, Darien, Stamford, Coscob and Greenwich, this state.

Aside from his market interests, which would seem fully to occupy the time and energy of an average man, Mr. Schultze has become deeply interested in breeding poultry and hares. He is president of the Southern New England Breeders & Fanciers Association, is state secretary for Connecticut of the National Federation of Flemish Giant Breeders, and is president of the Norwalk Poultry Association. Mr. Schultze makes a specialty of breeding Cornish Games, Black Cochin Bantam, Flemish Giants and Belgian Hares. His exhibits are viewed all over the east and he has hundreds of ribbons and cups. He also acts as judge of rabbits in national shows. Mr. Schultze is the owner of a twenty-acre farm in the town of Norwalk and raises registered

Berkshire hogs. He likewise figures in financial circles as one of the corporators of the Norwalk Savings Society and a director of the Central Fairfield Trust Company of Norwalk, Connecticut.

In 1914 Mr. Schultze was united in marriage to Hazel Waterbury, daughter of Charles Waterbury, of Springdale, town of Stamford. The Waterbury family is one of the oldest in the annals of Fairfield county, and Mrs. Schultze is a direct descendant of the immigrant, John Waterbury.

Mr. Schultze is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Bridgeport; Jerusalem Council, No. 16, also of Bridgeport; Hamilton Commandery, K. T.; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport; Ophir Chapter, No. 52, O. E. S.; Arab Patrol, of which he is president; and Monker Grotto, of which he is past president. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Norwalk, with the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Improved Order of Red Men at Norwalk. He is a member of the Westport Country Club; the Shelter Harbor Country Club of Westerly, Rhode Island; and owns a half interest in a hunt club at Roberta, Georgia, comprising five hundred and fifty acres.. His business success has contributed to the welfare of the community as well as to himself and is as much the result of his high character as of the ability, sound judgment and wise management which have distinguished his career from the beginning.

JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

One of the most active and prominent figures in the rubber industry in the eastern states is John W. Whitehead, president of the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Company, of Norwalk, Connecticut. He is a man of wide and varied experience in many parts of the world, possesses marked business ability and stands high in the estimation of his associates. The Norwalk Tire & Rubber Company was organized by W. B. Miller, who, about 1897, had organized the Diamond Rubber Company, of New York, of which he was president and which, in a period of about fifteen years, he

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his liking. To that end he entered the law school of New York University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922. He was admitted to the bar of Fairfield county on January 13, 1923, and in July of that year opened offices at 46 South Main street, Norwalk, where he has remained to the present time. He has devoted his attention closely to his profession, in the practice of which he has made steady progress and now commands an extensive clientele.

On October 10, 1925, Mr. Slavitt was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Abrahamson, of Norwalk, Connecticut, a daughter of Robert and Fanny (Berg) Abrahamson. Her father, who was a merchant of Norwalk, is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Salvitt have been born two children, Donald Edwin and Robert A.

Mr. Slavitt is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, and professionally maintains affiliation with the Norwalk Bar Association, the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Commercial Law League of America and the American Bar Association. As a citizen he is alert and conscientious, giving his support to those things which are calculated to promote the public welfare. He is absolutely loyal to the interests of his clients, has proven well versed in the law and keen and resourceful in its application. He has a well earned reputation as a dependable attorney, a public-spirited citizen and a worthy friend and neighbor.

ALDEN SOLMANS

In the history of banking in Fairfield county there is scarcely a parallel to the career of Alden Solmans, president of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, of which institution he has been the executive head for forty-two years and a director for sixty-one years. During this time, embracing the most momentous period in the history of the world, he has continued actively identified with the business interests of his community, and even now, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, he is to be found in his banking office every day and retains his physical and mental vigor to a remarkable degree.

Mr. Solmans was born in Milltown, New York, July 24, 1836,

and began his identification with the South Norwalk Savings Bank, which was organized in 1860, in 1867, when he became a member of the board of directors. In 1886 he was chosen president of the institution and on July 9, 1928, was reelected to that office for his forty-second consecutive term. Under his wise and judicious direction, this well known bank has made steady and substantial progress, having long been regarded as one of the solid and influential financial institutions of Fairfield county.

Mr. Solmans has also been actively identified with other business interests, in which he has been successful, and he has sustained a place in the front rank of the capable, sagacious and dependable business men of South Norwalk. A man of unquestioned integrity of character, clear headed judgment in practical matters, progressive and broad-minded, his opinions are held in high esteem by his business associates, while throughout the community which has been honored by his citizenship he has always commanded uniform confidence and respect, so that now, in the golden sunset years of his life, he is able to look back with a sense of satisfaction and with the knowledge that he has done his full part in all the affairs of life.

CHARLES F. BERG

Charles F. Berg, treasurer of F. Berg & Company, hatters, of Norwalk, is of the third generation of his family to be identified with this well known concern, which was founded by his grandfather, Frederick Berg, seventy years ago and is one of the oldest hat companies in Norwalk.

Charles F. Berg was born in Orange, New Jersey, in 1891, a son of Charles and Lucy May (Miller) Berg, of Orange. His father is now president of F. Berg & Company and has been connected with the hat business for more than forty-five years at Orange, New Jersey, where the factory is located. Charles F. Berg attended the public schools of his native city, after which he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1912. On the completion of his education, he went abroad, where he spent a number of months, and on his return to Orange in 1913, he became associated with his father in the hat business and is now treasurer of the Berg company.

In 1927 Mr. Berg was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Smith, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and they have one son, Charles F., Jr. Mr. Berg is a member of the Union League Club of New York city, the Zeta Psi college fraternity, the Yale Club, the Whippany River Club of Morristown, New Jersey, and the Fairfield County Hunt Club. He is a lover of outdoor life, polo being his favorite sport. A man of straightforward and unaffected manner, he is at the same time cordial and friendly in his social relations, and is very popular among his acquaintances. He has shown himself an able and efficient business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

JOSEPH A. EWART

Well qualified for his chosen life work by keen intelligence and comprehensive training, Joseph A. Ewart has steadily progressed in the educational field and meets every requirement of the office of superintendent of schools of Stamford, in which capacity he has served for two years. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, December 3, 1871, a son of John and Sarah (Bailey) Ewart. His grandparents, Archibald and Margaret Ewart, were natives of Scotland and left that country in their youth. They lived for a time in England and then came to the United States. Archibald Ewart, who was a master mechanic, passed away in East Boston, Massachusetts. His son, John Ewart, was born in Manchester, England, and for many years was connected with the Boston & Maine Railroad Company in the capacity of heating and plumbing superintendent. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry and served for four years, winning the commission of second lieutenant. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a trustee and steward of the Methodist Episcopal church, being an earnest and sincere Christian. He passed away at Arlington, Massachusetts, in 1915, when seventy-five years of age. His wife was born in Andover, Massachusetts, and her demise occurred at Arlington in 1922, when she was seventy-three years of age. She was a daughter of John and Sarah J. (Wells) Bailey, lifelong residents of the Bay state. Her father was

master of maintenance of ways for the Boston & Maine Railroad Company and one of its efficient and trusted officials. He was a member of the Universalist church and an adherent of the republican party.

Joseph A. Ewart was graduated from the Lawrence high school in 1888, working for a year thereafter, and then entered the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University, from which he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893. In 1921 he received the degree of Master of Education from Harvard University. In 1893 he had entered upon the active work of his profession as principal of the Essex grammar school in Lawrence and filled the position for two years. He taught for three years in a grammar school at Braintree, Massachusetts, and for a similar period was principal of the high school of that place. From 1901 to 1913 he had charge of two grammar schools at Salem, Massachusetts, and in January of the latter year became principal of the Forster grammar school at Somerville, Massachusetts. He organized the Forster junior high school, the first institution of the kind in the east, and in September, 1916, the junior high school system for the entire city of Somerville was organized. Mr. Ewart was made head master of the junior high school and intrusted with the task of developing the system for the entire city. His work in that connection attracted widespread notice and elicited much favorable comment. In 1918 he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools of Somerville and thus served for two years. On November 1, 1920, he went to Milton, Massachusetts, as superintendent of schools, there remaining until August, 1926, and since that time has had supervision of the public schools of Stamford, which he has brought up to a high standard of efficiency. At Boston and Harvard Universities he was a special instructor on junior high school work and throughout the east is recognized as an authority on that subject. He has instituted and conducted junior high school courses for the Massachusetts board of education and also prepared the correspondence course for the Massachusetts Department of University Extension. His advice in regard to the reorganization of school systems has been sought and followed by school committees throughout New England. As an expert he has been frequently consulted on the subject of school building programs. For about fifteen years he has been identified with the work of planning school buildings in various

communities and his practical knowledge of the occupations of carpentering, plumbing and heating has been of much value in this connection. He was one of three citizens who organized the public playground system of Salem, Massachusetts, which was one of the first in New England. While a resident of Milton he was a member of the committee of seven citizens who selected for the town its war memorial, which is considered one of the outstanding achievements of Daniel Chester French, the noted American sculptor.

Mr. Ewart was married March 23, 1896, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, to Miss Alice M. Rogers, a native of that city and a graduate of its high school. Her father, John L. Rogers, was a shoe manufacturer and a forceful personality in industrial circles of Lawrence. In politics he was a republican. His death occurred in 1914, and his wife, Jennie (Worthen) Rogers, died in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Ewart have a daughter, Miriam Rogers, who was graduated from the Somerville high school in 1920. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College in 1924 and is now a teacher in the high school at Lexington, Massachusetts.

Mr. Ewart is a deacon in the Congregational church of Stamford, and his wife is also an earnest worker in its behalf. She is a member of the Schubert and Woman's Clubs and like her husband is keenly interested in movements for civic growth and betterment. Mr. Ewart gives his political support to the republican party. During the World war he furthered the sale of Liberty bonds and also worked for the success of the Red Cross drives. While in college, he was a member of the college glee club and has always been a lover of fine music, serving for several years as president of the Salem Oratorio Society, one of the largest musical organizations in New England. Along fraternal lines he is identified with the Masonic order and has crossed the hot sands of the desert with the Nobles of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Boston, Massachusetts. As an energetic member of the Chamber of Commerce he is working for Stamford's growth and prosperity along business lines and also belongs to the Suburban Club and the Appalachian Mountain Club. He maintains his physical vigor by tramping and climbing and greatly enjoys life in the open. Mr. Ewart has chosen a vocation which affords the best medium for the expression of his talents, and his constantly expanding powers have placed him with the foremost

educators of New England. His career has been conspicuously useful and the record of his achievements constitutes a notable example for those who aspire to a high level of public service.

IRA CHAUNCEY LOCKWOOD

One of the most important hatters' fur manufacturing establishments in Fairfield county is that of the Norwalk Fur Company, of Norwalk, of which Ira C. Lockwood is president and general manager. He has a thorough technical knowledge of the fur business, at which he worked for many years, and under his able management the present business has enjoyed a remarkable growth.

Mr. Lockwood was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, on the 29th of February, 1880, and is a son of Chauncey and Sarah (Offen) Lockwood. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, lived in New Canaan for forty-two years, and died in 1911. The mother is now living in Norwalk. Ira C. Lockwood was about four years of age when his parents moved to Norwalk and in the public schools of this city he received his education. His first regular work was as an employe of the old Norwalk Lock Company, with which concern he remained for three years. He then enlisted in Company L, Third Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, with which he served in the Spanish-American war, and at the close of the struggle was honorably discharged.

Returning to Norwalk, Mr. Lockwood was in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for two years, after which he went to Danbury and served an apprenticeship with the American Hatters & Furriers Corporation, under Charles Parks. He became an expert in that work and rose to the position of superintendent of the factory. He remained with that concern six years and then, in 1906, in partnership with L. A. Douglas, he went into business for himself, under the name of the Phoenix Fur Company. Two years later he sold his interest in that concern and for about a year was engaged in the hatter's fur brokerage business in New York city. He was next connected with the Hatters' Fur Exchange, with which he remained until 1922, when he embarked in his present business, organizing the Norwalk Fur Company, Inc., of which he is president and general

manager. He makes a specialty of blown fur and has met with distinctive success, now operating an immense factory and enjoying a steadily increasing business.

Mr. Lockwood is the father of two children: Eleanor, the wife of Charles Reymann, who lives in Queens Village and is associated with the New York Telephone Company; and Helen, who lives in New York city.

Mr. Lockwood is a member of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce; McKinley Camp, Spanish War Veterans; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Norwalk Club and the Norwalk Country Club. He is a man of alert mentality, energetic manner and progressive methods, and the success which has come to him is the legitimate fruitage of his determined and well directed efforts, backed by close adherence to high business ideals. Because of his success and his excellent personal qualities he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

MICHAEL J. HOWARD

Michael J. Howard, president and manager of the Howard Agency Inc., of 73 Wall street, Norwalk, is conducting an extensive and successful real estate and insurance business and has gained wide recognition as an able and progressive business man. Mr. Howard was born in Norwalk in 1873 and is a son of Timothy and Mary (Condon) Howard, both of whom were natives of Ireland. He received his education in the public schools of this city and on his graduation from high school he entered the employ of the R. & G. Corset Company, of South Norwalk, for which concern he worked eight years as a cutter. In 1910 he formed a partnership with Thomas A. Skelly, under the firm name of Skelly & Howard, and engaged in the wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco business at 36 Wall street, Norwalk. In 1915 Mr. Howard sold his interest in that business and became postmaster of Norwalk, under appointment from President Wilson, and served in that capacity for eight and a half years, the last two years of his service being under President Harding.

In May, 1923, Mr. Howard established his present real estate and insurance business, under the name of the Howard Agency Inc., of which he took active personal charge on August 1st of

that year. He possesses an accurate knowledge of real estate values and has handled a vast amount of business in that line, selling many city and country properties. He has the agency for a number of the largest and strongest insurance companies in the country and in all of his business dealings he has been found to be absolutely dependable. He has been successful in his affairs and is a director of the Central Fairfield Trust Company.

Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Brennan, of Norwalk, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Mary, who was graduated from New Rochelle College in 1922, taught in the Norwalk high school and is now teaching in the public schools of New York city; F. Aubrey, who was graduated from Union College, at Schenectady, New York, in 1925, is now connected with the New York Edison Company; and John E. is a recent graduate of the Norwalk high school.

Mr. Howard is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club and the Norwalk Club, while his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. His success is due to his close application, his business sagacity and his tireless efforts, and in business circles of Norwalk he is held in high regard for his ability and trustworthiness.

GEORGE A. DOUGLAS

George A. Douglas has become widely known as president and general manager of George A. Douglas & Brother, Inc., painters and decorators conducting business at 706 Howard avenue in Bridgeport, and who have been awarded important contracts in their line throughout the state of Connecticut. Beginning operations on a small scale in 1898, George A. Douglas has continuously remained in business through the intervening period of three decades and has developed an enterprise of extensive and profitable proportions. A native of Canada, he was born June 13, 1877, his parents being Captain George Henry and Malissa (Matthews) Douglas. His paternal grandfather, a sea captain, died while serving in the federal navy during the Revolutionary war. Captain George H. Douglas, the father of George A. Douglas, was a native of Nova Scotia and followed a seafaring life as

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. DOUGLAS AND DAUGHTER

captain of a supply vessel for lighthouses, sailing out of St. Johns and the Bay of Fundy. He gave his political support to the republican party and was a consistent member of the Disciples church, in the faith of which he passed away at Bridgeport, Connecticut. His widow, whose birth occurred at L'Etete-Saint George, New Brunswick, now resides in Canada with her daughter.

George A. Douglas acquired his early education in the public schools of L'Etete, New Brunswick, and as a lad of eleven accompanied his parents on their removal across the border to Ansonia, Connecticut, where he was employed in a copper mill for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to Bridgeport, where he learned the trade of coach and carriage painting with the firm of McCarty & Anderson. It was in 1898, as above stated, that he embarked in the painting and decorating business on Howard avenue with a cash capital of only five dollars. Unaided he gradually enlarged the scope of his interests and eventually moved to his present address, 706 Howard avenue, where in 1925 he incorporated his business under the name of George A. Douglas & Brother, his associate being his brother, Joseph E. Douglas, who is secretary and general superintendent of the concern. Among the numerous important contracts which they have successfully executed may be mentioned the interior and exterior work on the twenty-two buildings of the United States Veterans Hospital at Northampton, Massachusetts; the Lying-In Hospital of Providence, Rhode Island; the School of Languages of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island; the new annex of two hundred rooms to the Stratfield Hotel; and the new Medical building at Bridgeport. Recently they were awarded a large contract for interior decorating work in the United States customs house in New York.

In 1921, in New York city, Mr. Douglas was married to Miss Bertha Fitch, of Bridgeport, daughter of Walter E. and Carrie C. (Parsons) Fitch. Mrs. Douglas completed her education at the Northfield Seminary which was founded by Dwight L. Moody.

Before her marriage Mrs. Douglas was connected with the Young Womens Christian Association and served in various building campaigns such as Bridgeport Christian Union, Y. W. C. A. and Red Cross during the war. Later she accepted a position as secretary to the Terminal Trainmaster of the New

York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which position she resigned to be married.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have two adopted daughters: Mrs. Marie Douglas Robertson, whose husband died as a result of being gassed while serving in the Canadian army during the World war; and Thelma Jean Douglas, who is now in school.

Mrs. Douglas is an active member of the Berean Memorial church of Bridgeport and is helpfully interested in philanthropic work. The Douglas residence "Elm Rest" is at Long Hill in the town of Trumbull and is one of the fine homes of that choice residential section. It is of wood construction and was built according to the plans of Mr. Douglas, who did both the interior and exterior decorating.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Douglas has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a devoted member of the Berean Memorial church (undenominational), in the work of which he takes a very active part, serving now as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school after sixteen years' effective work as its superintendent. For the past five years he has sung in the church choir.

SAMUEL WIXON HOYT, JR.

In the field of civil engineering, Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr., of South Norwalk, is one of the best known men in Fairfield county. His long service in connection with municipal affairs of South Norwalk was so conspicuous for its efficiency and devotion to the city's interests that he earned the praise and gratitude of the people of the community. Now, under the name of The Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr., Company, Inc., of which he is president and treasurer, he is doing a large business in general engineering and is regarded as the leader in his line in this section of the county.

Mr. Hoyt was born in Norwalk on the 21st of August, 1876, and is a son of Samuel W. and Emma Frances (Wilcox) Hoyt, the former of whom was long engaged in the lumber business in New York city but is now retired, and he and his wife are living in South Norwalk. The son received his education in the public schools of Norwalk and when fourteen years of age went to work.

In 1892 he became assistant to Ferris S. Morehouse, architect and engineer, who was at that time serving as city engineer. In 1904 Mr. Hoyt accepted a position as assistant to Waldo C. Briggs, city engineer and street commissioner of South Norwalk, and at that time also enrolled in a correspondence school, in which he took a course in municipal engineering. When Mr. Briggs left South Norwalk, Mr. Hoyt was appointed temporarily as acting city engineer and street commissioner, until a successor could be secured. At the end of a year the city authorities appointed him city engineer and street commissioner, and custodian of all city maps and notes in the engineering department. In connection with his other duties, he did the major part of the engineering work of the city. In 1906, having decided to start in business for himself, he resigned his position as street commissioner and opened an office at 79 Washington street. However, in the fall of that year, the board of water commissioners secured his services as resident engineer in charge of the construction of the city's new water filtration plant, in association with H. W. Clark and W. S. Johnson, of Boston, Massachusetts, the consulting experts and designers of the filtration plant. Mr. Hoyt gave up his private business and devoted all of his time to the filtration plant, the work on which was completed in July, 1908. The water commissioners were well pleased with Mr. Hoyt's work, appreciating his watchfulness of all details and his thorough execution of every duty in connection with the large undertaking. The Bunting Construction Company, builders of the plant, praised Mr. Hoyt's fairness, as well as his advice and suggestions, and were ready to abide by his decisions in all matters pertaining to workmen and work.

After the completion of this work, Mr. Hoyt was again elected city engineer and street commissioner, and accepted the first position but declined to serve as street commissioner. He held his official position until the consolidation of Norwalk and South Norwalk in 1913, when, in addition to his private engineering business, he engaged in contracting, forming a partnership with Alfred Brown, under the firm name of Brown & Hoyt, with offices in South Norwalk. This business was continued for three years, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Brown continuing the contracting business and Mr. Hoyt thereafter devoting his entire time to the engineering business. He carried the work on alone

until 1921, when he incorporated it under the name of the Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr., Company, Inc., with offices at 34 Washington street, South Norwalk. He has been successful in his individual affairs and is treasurer of the Connecticut Finance & Mortgage Company and treasurer of the F. C. Olsen Electric Company, of South Norwalk.

On June 30, 1903, Mr. Hoyt was united in marriage to Miss Susan S. Smith, of South Norwalk, a daughter of Charles N. and Emma (Townsend) Smith, the former of whom is now superintendent of the Jones & Naumburg Corporation. Mrs. Hoyt received a good education and was a teacher in the public schools prior to her marriage.

Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, the South Norwalk Club and the Shorehaven Golf Club. A man of high ideals and sincere purposes, his record has in every respect been a most creditable one, being characterized by honesty and thoroughness in the performance of every duty placed on him, and throughout the community in which he has spent his life he commands uniform confidence and respect, being regarded as one of South Norwalk's best citizens.

CLAYTON FITCH GREGORY

On the roster of public officials in Norwalk appears the name of Clayton Fitch Gregory, who is making an excellent record as town clerk and has been identified with this branch of public service for a period of five years. He was born in this city in 1900 and is a son of Frank W. and Bertha M. (Fitch) Gregory, who have been residents of Norwalk for many years. The father was supervisor of schools for many years but has now retired.

Clayton F. Gregory attended the local schools and received his higher education in the University of New York, from which he was graduated in 1921. For two years thereafter he was employed in the Norwalk Iron Works and in 1923 was appointed assistant town clerk, acting in that capacity until September, 1926. He was then appointed town clerk and in 1927 was elected to that office. His work is thoroughly systematized and his duties are performed with efficiency and conscientiousness.

On August 1, 1922, Mr. Gregory was united in marriage to

Miss Ethel C. Carhart, of New York city, daughter of Willard B. and Elizabeth (Rapp) Carhart of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have become the parents of a daughter, Faith. Mr. Gregory reserves his energies for his public duties, and Delta Epsilon, a college fraternity, and the Toreador Club, are the only organizations with which he is connected.

CHARLES FERRIS BEARDSLEY

Charles Ferris Beardsley is a well known resident of Newtown, where he carries on the business of real estate and auctioneering, was here born on the 24th of May, 1849, a son of Abel and Hannah (Gray) Beardsley. The Newtown district schools afforded him his early educational privileges and afterward he had the opportunity of attending the New Haven Business College. When his textbooks were put aside and his school days were over he went to work on the home farm, where he remained for forty years, seventeen years of which period he devoted to the raising of tobacco, one of the chief crops of this section of the state. In 1909 he turned over the work of the farm to others and after a short period devoted to mercantile pursuits he became manager of the Wayside Inn, where as the genial host he became famous throughout the state. He made this one of the most popular hostelries of Connecticut and to it was accorded a liberal patronage by those who enjoyed not only the comforts it afforded but a visit with its proprietor. After Mr. Beardsley had acted as manager thereof for three years the Inn was destroyed by fire and a little later he entered the employ of the Iron Clad Manufacturing Company. Soon, however, he returned to the old home farm and occupies the colonial dwelling erected in 1819, which in earlier years was the Caleb Baldwin tavern, situated on the east side of Main street in Newtown, and maintaining the beauty and architectural dignity of a bygone period. He is giving his attention to the real estate business and to auctioneering and is thoroughly familiar with property values, which has led to his negotiation of various important real estate transfers. He also conducts many public sales and in both lines is meeting with success. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley have been engaged

in the buying and selling of choice antiques and in this connection have established a large clientele.

On the 27th of October, 1875, at Newtown, Mr. Beardsley was married to Miss Mary Josephine Lake, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah R. (Smith) Lake, both of whom were members of old families of Newtown. Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley are the parents of two sons. The elder, Clarence Lake Beardsley, who was born in Newtown, October 17, 1878, married Viola Gamsby and resides in New Haven. He is the owner of the decorating and house furnishings business operated under the name of Cross & Beardsley. Paul Joseph Beardsley, born April 17, 1883, is connected with the Corbin Cabinet Lock Company branch of the American Hardware Company and is located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley are members of Trinity Episcopal church, in which Mr. Beardsley has been a vestryman for many years. In community affairs he has always been actively and helpfully interested and for the notable period of forty consecutive years he has served as clerk of the borough and has also filled the office of assessor. His long term of office indicates unmistakably his loyalty and fidelity to duty and his efficiency in the performance of the tasks which devolve upon him in that connection.

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RALPH EMERSON BRUSH

Ralph Emerson Brush, who proved his patriotism and devotion to country by service in the World war, has long been regarded as one of the foremost members of the Greenwich bar and is equally prominent in legal circles of New York city. He is also active in business and financial affairs. He was born in New York city in 1886, a son of Augustus Mead and Sarah (Hodgman) Brush. The father was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1856 and attended a private school conducted by Professor Peck. On attaining manhood he entered the iron and steel industry, also becoming a dealer in plumbers' supplies, and prospered in all of his undertakings. During the winter he resided in New York city and spent the summer months in Greenwich. He had many friends in both cities, and his untimely death on the 26th of

February, 1901, occasioned deep and widespread regret, for he was a man of kindly nature and high character.

In the acquirement of an education Ralph E. Brush attended a private school of Greenwich and the public schools of the city. He prepared for his profession in the New York Law School, which awarded him the degree of LL. B. in 1908, and in the same year he qualified for practice in the state of New York, while in 1909 he was admitted to the Connecticut bar. After practicing for four years in New York he opened an office in Greenwich and his ability soon won public recognition. During 1913 and 1914 he was prosecuting attorney for Greenwich and the prestige which he gained in that connection led to a rapid increase in his clientele.

His attention was devoted to his practice until November 6, 1917, when he enlisted in the navy, and was commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserves. In view of the fact that he had been very active in yachting and had made a study of navigation, Mr. Brush was assigned to the Merchants Auxiliary on Pelham bay as instructor in navigation. In June, 1918, he was promoted, becoming a lieutenant of the junior grade, and in September was transferred to the United States troop transport America, sailing for Brest, France. His duties on shipboard were those relating to fire control. In the latter part of October he left France, arriving in New York harbor on Friday, and on the following Monday, at four o'clock in the morning, the vessel on which he had crossed the Atlantic sank at her pier in Hoboken, New Jersey. When the armistice was signed he was sent back to Pelham and placed on the inactive list December 31, 1918.

In May, 1919, Mr. Brush resumed his professional activities in Greenwich and New York city and has since practiced continuously, numbering important corporations among his clients. His knowledge of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence is comprehensive and exact, and his clear and cogent reasoning and careful preparation of his cases constitute forceful elements in winning favorable verdicts. He organized the Putnam Trust Company, for which he is counsel, and fills the offices of vice president and director, rendering valuable service to the corporation. He is treasurer and a director of the Putnam Cemetery Association and treasurer of the Title Insurance & Mortgage Company, of which he is also counsel and a director. Mr. Brush

is president of the Greenwich Press and a capable executive. He is also president of several real estate corporations operating in Greenwich and owning large and valuable holdings.

In 1916 Mr. Brush married Miss Electa Harper, a daughter of John A. and Flora (Sherbourne) Harper, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Electa, the only child of this union, was born July 2, 1918, in New York city and is attending the public schools of Greenwich.

Mr. Brush is identified with the Masonic order, the Round Hill Club, the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, the Beach Club, the Greenwich Country Club, and the American, Connecticut and New York State Bar Associations. He is a man of broad views and wide interests, a successful lawyer of the highest reputation, and a public-spirited citizen who embodies American principles with American ideals.

WILLIAM J. GAGNON

Working along original lines, William J. Gagnon has transformed his visions into realities and many useful devices are the products of his inventive mind. For a number of years he has been identified with manufacturing circles of Bridgeport as superintendent of the Bead Chain Manufacturing Company, which is developing his inventions.

A product of New England, Mr. Gagnon was born in Fremont, New Hampshire, August 26, 1876, and is a son of Peter Joseph and Rosalie (Moran) Gagnon, natives of Canada. The father was superintendent of the Fremont plant of the Spaulding & Frost Manufacturing Company for an extended period and is now living retired in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, where the mother passed away.

William J. Gagnon was educated in the public schools of his native town and was there employed in running a stationary engine for three years, working at night. Owing to his fidelity to duty and marked aptitude for mechanical pursuits he advanced rapidly and was able to fill his father's place as superintendent when the latter was injured as the result of an accident. The son continued in that capacity for two years and was next an

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electrician for the Spaulding & Frost Manufacturing Company. He managed the lighting systems, having charge of the engines, dynamos, etc., for two years, and then went to Boston for the purpose of broadening his knowledge of electricity. His ability won for him the position of wire man and general repair man for Swan & Company, and at the end of two years he was made foreman of their factory, thus continuing for four years. Mr. Gagnon then came to Bridgeport as private experimental man for the Bryant Electric Company and while thus engaged in their laboratory, aided in developing the automatic machines for the making of bead chains. In 1914 when the Bead Chain Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Gagnon became its master mechanic and superintendent and has since held those positions and is engaged in developing the various articles manufactured by the firm, such as plumbing chains, novelties, radio parts, etc. His creative power is highly developed and a number of patents have been issued to him.

On the 14th of January, 1899, Mr. Gagnon was married in Chester, New Hampshire, to Miss Melvina Wallace, a native of Epping, that state, and a daughter of Louis and Sophronia (Naylor) Wallace. The father was born in the Pine Tree state and was connected with the Boston & Main Railroad for a number of years, residing at Raymond, New Hampshire, where he passed away. His wife was born in Vermont and now resides in Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon have become the parents of two children. The son, Bernard E., who was born April 15, 1900, and was graduated from one of the high schools of Bridgeport, is now chief draftsman and machine designer for the Bead Chain Company. He married Miss Mollie Marie Amonson, of Bridgeport, and they have a family of three children: Gilbert William, Edna May and Shirley Alvera. The daughter, Amy Evelyn, born March 21, 1902, also completed her high school studies in Bridgeport. She was graduated from the School of Fine & Applied Arts both in New York city and Paris and is now an interior decorator in New York.

In addition to his residence at No. 134 Mountain Grove street, Mr. Gagnon owns the house next door occupied by his son and a summer home "Noname" in Redding, Fairfield county. He leases one hundred and fifty acres of land near his home for fishing and hunting purposes. In politics he is a republican and lends the

weight of his support to all public projects of worth. Endowed with the ability to relate cause and effect and the elements essential to important achievement, Mr. Gagnon has assembled the machinery of his dreams and made it serve the largest practical purpose.

FREDERICK COLEY SANFORD

Frederick Coley Sanford, formerly identified with building interests, is now living retired in Newtown. He is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of this section of the state. His great-grandfather was Oliver Sanford, who was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, and was actively identified with the early development of this region. He had a forge and he built the first four-wheeled wagon in Fairfield county. Later in life he turned his attention to iron manufacturing, developing one of the early foundries of the county. He was captured by the British during the battle fought in Danbury, Connecticut, for his life compassed the period of the Revolutionary war. He saw active duty as captain of the Redding company. His son, Levi Sanford, was the father of William Sanford, who in turn was the father of Frederick Coley Sanford, whose name introduces this record.

Frederick C. Sanford was born at Weston, Connecticut, January 1, 1857, his parents being William O. and Lydia A. (Wheeler) Sanford, the former a native of Redding, while the latter was a daughter of Silas Wheeler, of Easton, Connecticut. In his youthful days F. C. Sanford attended the public schools of Weston, now known as Valley Forge, and he obtained his first job at Bridgeport, where he learned the carpenter's trade, remaining there for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Newtown, Connecticut, in 1877, where he resided until 1882, when he went to Hawleyville and conducted a coal, grain and lumber business, remaining there until 1889, when he returned to Bridgeport and established the East End Coal Company and continued that business for about two years. He then disposed of it on account of poor health and for about ten years was engaged as a carpenter and builder in Bridgeport. In 1912 he again came to Newtown, where he has since remained and for an extended period he was active as a carpenter and builder.

On the 13th of October, 1881, in Newtown, Mr. Sanford was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Emily Northrop, who was born in Newtown, August 23, 1862, and is a daughter of Hosea B. and Juliette (Fairchild) Northrop of Revolutionary ancestry and members of old Fairfield county families. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford have become the parents of two daughters: Juliette Fairchild, who was born January 26, 1885, and died January 22, 1901, in Bridgeport; and Eva Lydia, who was born November 24, 1887, and became the wife of Albert Morgan Boyson on the 2d of June, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Boyson have a son, Albert Sanford, born August 3, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are members of the Newtown Congregational church. He is a republican in politics and during his residence at Hawleyville served as postmaster during President Arthur's administration. Through five or more generations the Sanford family has been associated with Fairfield county and its development, and, like his ancestors, Frederick C. Sanford has always been loyal to the best interests of the community, cooperating in all those measures which he has deemed of value in promoting public progress and improvement.

WALTER NORMAN MAGUIRE

Walter Norman Maguire, who served in the World war, is numbered among the members of the Stamford bar and has made considerable progress in his profession. At the same time he has given much time and energy to community projects. He was born in New York city, October 15, 1893, a son of Laurence J. and Anna Maria (Norman) Maguire. His father, who was born in New York city, August 15, 1857, engaged in the manufacture of shoes and passed away in Stamford, February 14, 1922. His mother was born in Birmingham, England, and resides in Stamford.

In 1909 Walter N. Maguire completed a course in the Stamford high school and afterward matriculated in Yale College, from which he received the A. B. degree in 1913. Two years later he graduated from the Yale Law School and in June, 1915, was admitted to the Connecticut bar. He opened a law office in Stam-

ford and practiced alone until November 1917, when he enlisted in the United States navy. While connected with the department of the judge advocate general of the navy in Washington, D. C., he took a special course in the naval pay officers training school and in March, 1918, after being commissioned an ensign, was sent to the United States naval base at Brest, France. There he acted as assistant to the aide for supply of Admiral Henry Wilson, commander-in-chief of the United States naval forces operating in French waters. In January, 1919, he returned to this country, at which time he was holding the rank of lieutenant (J. G.), and was then relieved from active service and placed on the reserve roll. In February, 1919, he became associated with Cummings & Lockwood, prominent attorneys of Stamford, and since January 1, 1923, has been a member of the firm, which has a large clientele. Mr. Maguire is a director of the Southern Connecticut Mortgage Company and the Butchart-Nicholls Company, both of Stamford.

Mr. Maguire was married June 25, 1921, in Stamford, to Miss Sonia G. Streuli, who was born in Horgen, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, and there received her public school education. Afterward she became a student in the Paris Conservatory of Music, specializing in the violin, and was graduated therefrom. In 1916 she came to America to continue her musical education and became a pupil of Eugene Ysaye, the celebrated Belgian violinist. In 1918 she studied under the renowned Leopold Auer. She is now concert-meister of the Stamford Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Maguire is a daughter of Theophile G. Streuli, also a native of Horgen. Mr. and Mrs. Maguire have three children: Walter Laurence, who was born October 8, 1922; Helen Adele, born August 17, 1924; and Robert Charles, born November 22, 1925.

Mr. Maguire is connected with the Royal Arcanum, Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity, the High Ridge Country Club, and the Hubbard Heights Golf Club. His professional affiliations are with the Fairfield County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations. He is one of the elders of the First Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also affiliated. Mr. Maguire is vice president of the Stamford Symphony Society and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. In politics he is a democrat. He has served for several years as chairman of the Stamford zoning board of adjustment and appeals. He is also one of

the park commissioners of Stamford and was chairman of the town tax commission appointed by the selectmen pursuant to an act of the legislature in 1927. He has traveled extensively. In 1912 he made a tour of England and continental Europe and since then has visited the West Indies, Northern Africa, Egypt, Palestine and other parts of the world, deriving much benefit from his sojourns in foreign lands.

CHARLES F. MAGUIRE

Charles F. Maguire has spent the greater part of his life in Stamford and is well known through his long connection with legal affairs. He was born in New York city, October 1, 1887, a son of Laurence J. and Anna Maria (Norman) Maguire, of whom more extended mention is made in the preceding sketch. The other son, Walter Norman Maguire, is engaged in the practice of law in Stamford and the daughter, Laura, is the wife of George A. Cook, of Stamford.

Charles F. Maguire obtained his early education in public school No. 19 of Brooklyn, New York, and in 1904 was graduated from the Stamford high school. During 1910 and 1911 he attended the New York Law School and in 1912 was admitted to the Connecticut bar. From 1902 until 1917 he was an instructor in the Stamford public evening school and then entered the service of his country. He was in training at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and was honorably discharged January 1, 1919, with the rank of ensign. His association with the law firm of Fessenden & Carter covered the period of thirteen years between 1904 and 1917. In 1919 he became secretary to Hon. Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, and in 1920 he became associated with the firm of Cummings & Lockwood in the practice of law. He still continues as secretary to Mr. Cummings. Owing to his legal knowledge he is well qualified for this responsible position and discharges his duties with marked efficiency.

Mr. Maguire was married September 9, 1919, in Stamford, to Miss Lydia J. Mollet, who was born August 26, 1886, in this city, and is a graduate of the local high school. She also completed a course in the State Normal Training School at New

Haven and engaged in teaching from 1908 until 1919. Her father, Charles T. Mollet, served in the Home Guard during the World war and has always lived in Stamford. He is a retired carpenter and contractor and for a number of years was building inspector of Stamford. His political support is given to the republican party and in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His wife, Lizzie (Lunny) Mollet, was born in Armonk, Westchester county, New York, and passed away in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Maguire have one child, Norman Lunny, who was born April 17, 1921.

The parents are affiliated with the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Maguire is an adherent of the democratic party. Music and travel are his chief sources of recreation and he has visited many points of interest in the United States and other countries, thus broadening his outlook upon life. He has a wide acquaintance and possesses those qualities which inspire respect and friendship.

MRS. JOHN C. DOWNS

One of the most prominent names in the social and civic circles of Danbury is that of Mrs. John C. Downs, who for many years has been conspicuous and influential in affairs relating to the welfare of the community and is today regarded as one of its representative women.

Mrs. Downs was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is a daughter of Franklin P. and Mary (Reed) Randall, the latter of whom was a native of Kentucky. Her father, who was born in Madison county, New York, became one of the pioneers of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he engaged in the practice of law and served as mayor of the city for many years. He was also state senator and filled many other political positions in the city and state. In 1856 he was elected presidential elector and voted for James Buchanan, it being the only instance when a citizen of Fort Wayne voted directly for a president of the United States.

Mrs. Downs was educated in the public schools of her native city, and from young girlhood took a deep interest in the charitable and benevolent organizations of her community, was active in musical affairs and an earnest worker in the Protestant Epis-

copal church. In 1892, in Fort Wayne, she became the wife of Dr. John C. Downs, who was born in Danbury, Connecticut. He attended the public and high schools of his home city, graduating with the highest honors, after which he entered the dental school of the University of New York, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Returning to Danbury, he opened a dental office on Main street and has since enjoyed a large practice, being regarded as one of the leaders in his profession in this city. He is a son of George and Flora (Crofut) Downs, the former of whom was one of the owners of the old Downs hat factory in Danbury. Both of his parents are deceased. Dr. Downs is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Rotary Club.

Upon her arrival in Danbury Mrs. Downs at once became identified with various phases of its civic life and during subsequent years has been a prominent factor in promoting its various interests. For the past ten years she has been regent of Mary Wooster Chapter, D. A. R.; was the organizer and is the president of the Afternoon Musical Society; was the organizer and is president of the Visiting Nurse Association; was one of the founders of the Danbury Chapter of the American Red Cross Society; is a past president of the Connecticut Federation of Music Clubs; is state chairman of music of the Women's Federation of Clubs of Connecticut, and is vice president of the Fairfield County Women's Republican Association. She is also an active member of St. James Protestant Episcopal church. A woman of gracious and tactful manner and deservedly popular, she has done commendable work along lines that have in very definite measure benefited her community, and because of her strong character and useful life she commands the sincere regard of all who know her.

JULIAN F. TOMAINO

Among the men who are contributing to the prosperity of the hat industry in Danbury stands Julian F. Tomaino, member of the Gorman & Tomaino Fur Company. He has had much practical experience in this line of work and is achieving a noteworthy success in his present enterprise. He was born in Danbury in 1892 and received his educational training in the public schools.

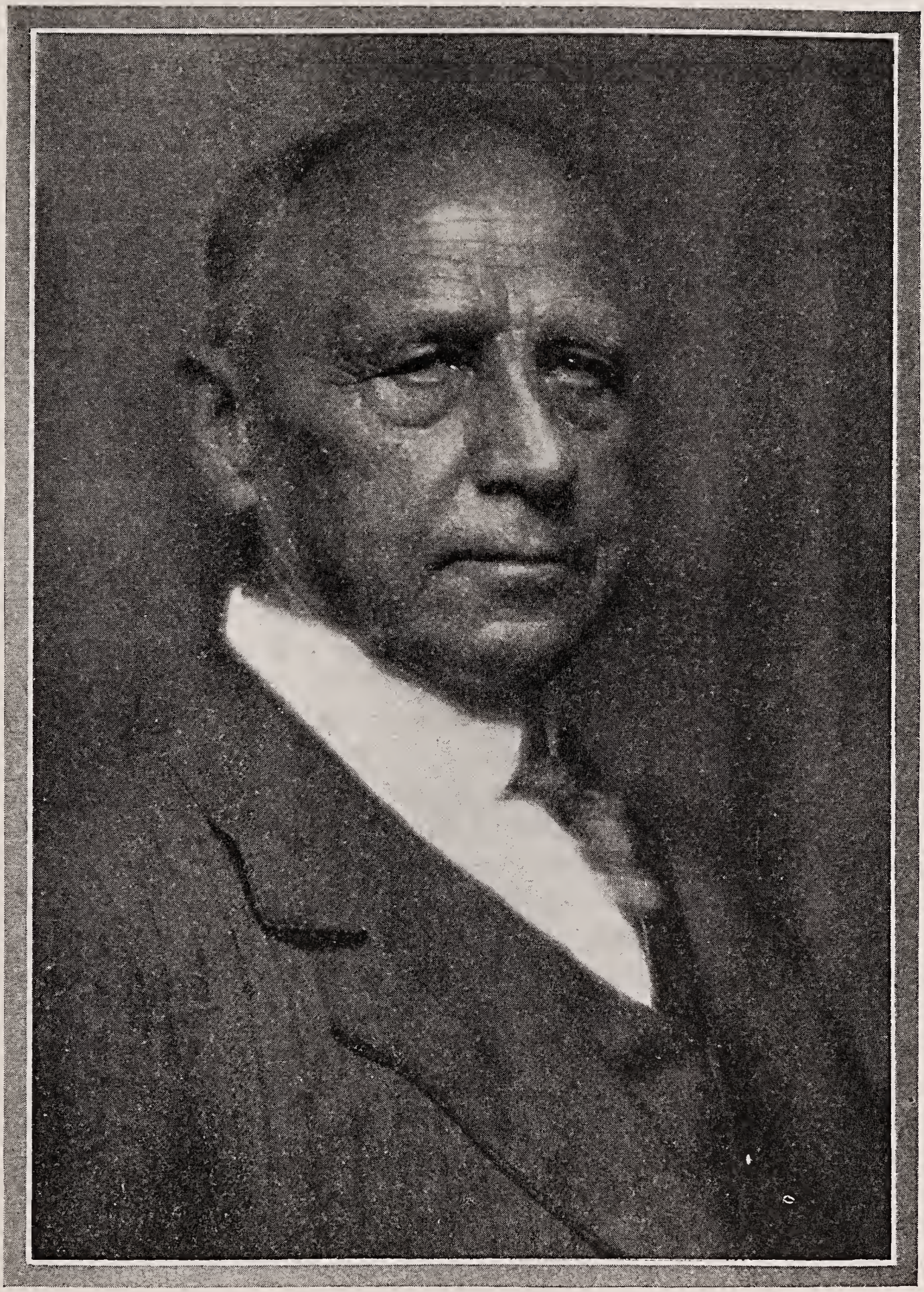
He is a son of F. S. and Rose (Falvo) Tomaino, both of whom were born and reared in Italy. On leaving school, in 1910, Mr. Tomaino went to work for the John Beltaire Hat Company, for whom he worked for two years as a hat sizer, and during the following eight years he was employed in various capacities with different hat companies in this city. In 1917 he formed a partnership with Martin Gorman, under the name of Gorman & Tomaino Fur Company, Inc., and engaged in the fur cutting business, establishing a factory at 16-24 River street, Danbury. He has devoted himself tirelessly to the development of this business, which has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth, and is now one of the important concerns in its line here.

Mr. Tomaino is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Danbury Club and is a very popular member of the circles in which he moves, while throughout the community he commands uniform respect and esteem.

LEWIS HALLOCK NASH, M. E., E. D.

Lewis Hallock Nash was born in South Norwalk, April 16, 1852, and was a son of Francis H. and Sarah M. (Hallock) Nash and a descendant of Edward Nash, one of the first settlers of Norwalk, who came from Lancaster, England, to Stratford, Connecticut, in 1650, and to Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1652. From Edward Nash the line descends through his son John and his wife, Mary Combs; their son John and his wife, Abigail Blakely; their son Abraham and his wife, Rhoda Keeler; their son Jacob and his wife, Freelove; their son Jacob, Jr., and his wife, Anna Rockwell; their son Daniel Kellogg and his wife, Sally Lockwood Raymond; their son Frank Hawley and his wife, Sarah Mather Hallock, to their son, Lewis Hallock Nash.

The last named obtained a public school education and after serving an apprenticeship of four years in the shops of the Norwalk Iron Works entered Stevens Institute of Technology in 1873, being graduated four years later with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Soon after his graduation he entered the employ of the National Meter Company of Brooklyn, New York, and began to design improvements in water meters. After a few months he produced the "Crown" meter, the first of a large class of



LEWIS H. NASH

single piston rotary meters which practically superseded all other forms of water meter. Altogether he received sixty or more patents on water meters, among which the leaders are the "Empire," the "Improved Gem" and the "Nash." Mr. Nash took up the study of the gas engine in 1884 and subsequently received more than sixty patents covering the design and operation of gas engines. One of the patents was for a two-cycle engine with piston controlled valves, which at one time was being manufactured by more than two thousand firms. Another of his inventions was a method of starting gas engines by means of compressed air, which feature is still employed by numerous manufacturers. Mr. Nash became chief engineer of the National Meter Company and continued in its service until 1914, when he resigned in order to devote his entire attention to the Nash Engineering Company, which he had organized at South Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1905, and of which he was president from that time until his death. Several of his inventions were developed by this company, notably the rotary liquid piston pump (patented in 1910), which has been sold under the name "Nash Hydroturbine." The registered name "Hytor" has been adopted by the Nash Engineering Company to describe its exclusive products. In the "Nash Hydroturbine" a rotor revolves freely in an elliptical casing filled with a liquid, usually water, the rotor itself being a casting, consisting of a series of chambers or spaces around a cylindrical hub. As the chambers and waters advance, the elliptical casing permits centrifugal force to send the water from the rotor, drawing in air or gas through inlet ports connected with the inlet of the pump. As the chambers advance the inlet ports are passed. The water is forced back into the rotor by the casing, gradually compressing the air. When the rotor spaces have reached the outlet ports, the air has been compressed to the terminal pressure and is then discharged completely by the re-entering water. With the rotor chambers full of water, the operation is repeated. Many variations and combinations of this pump have resulted in the development of the business into an internationally known concern, with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars. Altogether, Mr. Nash received over four hundred patents. When the World war ended he abandoned work on an airplane engine which he had been developing and which had

received very favorable comment from the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

Mr. Nash was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the New York Electrical Society, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and the honorary fraternity Tau Beta Pi. Stevens Institute of Technology conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Engineering in 1921. Mr. Nash took an active interest in public affairs and in 1923 was a member of the Connecticut assembly. He was a generous contributor to civic and charitable institutions and was an active member of the South Norwalk Congregational church. He was the author of many articles on religious and political subjects which he distributed generously in the form of pamphlets.

On July 2, 1883, Mr. Nash was united in marriage to Miss Anna Archer, a daughter of Charles Oscar and Anne Hobson Knight Archer, of Brooklyn, New York. To this union were born four children: Marion Hallock, Douglas Elliott, Mildred Archer and Harold Lewis. Mr. Nash died in South Norwalk, November 17, 1923, and is survived by his widow, who now lives in Norwalk.

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FRED C. RIEDELL

Probably no citizen of Norwalk is better known or more generally liked than is Fred C. Riedell, who commands a large business as an expert accountant and stands in the front rank of his profession. In addition to the exacting demands of his business he has also shown a live and constant interest in matters affecting the civic welfare and through his individual efforts has successfully carried through a number of enterprises of importance to the well-being particularly of young people.

Mr. Riedell was born in New York city (East side) on the 30th of April, 1882, and received his early education in the public schools, graduating from high school. He then took an examination for a scholarship in a Philadelphia commercial college, in which he passed with a grade of ninety-eight per cent. He took a two-year course in accounting, graduating in 1899, after which he became associated with a relative who was engaged in the

accounting business in New York. In 1917 he joined the staff of Arthur Young & Company, public accountants of New York, and in 1919 was appointed manager of the company, with whom he remained until December, 1923. Mr. Riedell then came to Norwalk and established himself as an expert accountant and auditor, with offices at 27 Wall street, where he has remained to the present time. He specializes in income tax work and the installation of accounting systems, and the efficient and dependable service which he has rendered has gained for him an enviable reputation in business and commercial circles.

On April 30, 1903, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Riedell was united in marriage to Miss Sarah R. Mills, a daughter of Dan and Sarah A. Mills and a sister of John A. Mills, a councilman of Broad River, fourth district. To Mr. and Mrs. Riedell have been born five children, namely: Frederick C., Jr., who is now owner of a gas station, was married August 27, 1928, to Miss Edith Scott of Norwalk; Russell James, who was married August 8, 1928, to Miss Catherine Cela Sanford, of Norwalk; Sylvia Ann, who is sixteen years of age; George Dorney, eleven years old; and Vivian S., aged eight years.

During the World war Mr. Riedell was a member of the draft board of Norwalk. In 1920 he joined the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Norwalk and is now an honorary life member and exalted ruler for 1929-1930. He has taken an active part in the social welfare work of that organization and has been a prominent figure in the annual functions of both the Elks and the Moose for the entertainment of children. He has belonged to the Loyal Order of Moose since 1921 and has received the second degree. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World; the Shepherds of Bethlehem, which he joined in 1925, and has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for many years, the Board of Trade since 1926 and the Kiwanis Club since 1924, having never missed a meeting of the last named organization. He has given active assistance to the Kiwanis Club in the operation of the baseball league for school boys and assists in putting over the June Fair for the women's board of the Norwalk Hospital. He belongs to the South Norwalk Boat Club and has been secretary of the volunteer fire department. He is an ardent lover of amateur sports, and he organized and is now president of the Norwalk Twilight Baseball League.

Mr. Riedell has contributed generously of his means to worthy benevolent and charitable causes, notably the Red Cross Society and the Near East relief. He has delivered two addresses in the schools of Norwalk on the subject of accounting, one to the graduating class of the Franklin junior high school and the other before the Civic League of the Center junior high school. He also gives practical assistance to the Young Men's Christian Association, particularly in the department of athletics, and has given valuable and appreciated assistance to the women's board of the Norwalk Hospital. He is thorough and painstaking in everything he undertakes and all who have been associated with him in various lines of activity regard him as an uncommonly capable and efficient man and one with whom it is a pleasure to work. He is cordial and affable in manner, easily makes friends, and throughout the community in which he lives he commands the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN J. ALLEN

The Danbury Square Box Company, of which John J. Allen is president, is one of Danbury's notable manufacturing concerns, many of its products being of a character that has gained for the company considerable prestige among discriminating users of package boxes, while it is also a leader in the making of shipping cases.

Mr. Allen was born in Danbury in 1882, a son of Thomas H. and Mary (Kennedy) Allen, and was educated in the public schools of this city. In 1905 he started the Danbury Square Box Company and held the offices of secretary, treasurer and manager for many years and on the death of Mr. Kerr, March 26, 1927, he became the president of the company. The concern has a large factory at Elmwood place, equipped with modern, improved machinery, and is engaged in the making of corrugated and fibre shipping cases, as well as of fancy boxes and waste baskets. In the latter lines they have been creators of articles of great beauty, the waste baskets being made in many beautiful designs and odd shapes, with artistic decorations in delicate colors, while their fancy decorative boxes have caught the popular fancy and are greatly in demand.

In 1905 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Emily Burnie, and to them have been born five children, as follows: Clemence B., a high school teacher in New Jersey; John J., Jr., who is a student in Georgetown University; Mary Emily, a student at Georgian Court, Lakewood, New Jersey; Margaret Jane and Grace Elizabeth, who are attending the public schools of Danbury.

Mr. Allen is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and the Ridgewood Country Club. He has devoted his attention closely to the interests of his company, in the success of which he has been a prominent factor, and in the business circles of Danbury he is regarded as a man of good executive ability and discriminating judgment. Socially, he is deservedly popular, being a man of cordial and friendly manner and substantial qualities of character.

J. HAROLD SHORT

Under present business conditions intelligence and energy alone are not sufficient to win success, or even to obtain desired employment. Modern business requires trained intelligence and directed energy. Hence the constant and increasing demand for business college graduates. One of Stamford's leading educational institutions is Short's Secretarial School, of which J. Harold Short is president, and the specific mission of which is to prepare young men and women for successful business careers.

Mr. Short was born near Milton, Delaware, on the 4th of April, 1894, a son of Joshua and Annie (Walls) Short. His paternal grandfather, Gillie Short, who was a native and lifelong resident of Cokesbury, Delaware, and was a farmer by vocation, served in the Union army during the Civil war; supported the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Joshua Short was born in Georgetown, Delaware, October 31, 1852, and died near Milton, that state, June 9, 1913. He followed farming throughout his active life and was a man of prominence and influence in his community. He was a steward in the Methodist Episcopal church and was a stanch republican in his political views. He is survived by his widow, who was born

at Staytonsville, Delaware, December 4, 1862, and is a daughter of James and Mary Walls.

J. Harold Short has two brothers and a sister, namely: Ward H., engaged in farming near Milton, Delaware, who is a republican and has represented his county in the legislature of his state; Ralph C., who is secretary and treasurer of Short's Secretarial School; and Ethel G., who is the wife of Norman W. Buell, a farmer, at Greenwood, Delaware, and they have a daughter, Thelma Louise.

J. Harold Short attended the public schools of his native state and entered Goldey College, at Wilmington, Delaware, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. He took a special course at Zanerian College, Columbus, Ohio, after which he attended Capital College of Oratory in that city. He was affiliated with a private school in Stamford, Connecticut, which he conducted until April, 1924, when he bought Lee's Commercial College of this place, which he carried on under that name until February 6, 1926, when it was incorporated under the name of Short's Secretarial School. Mr. Short is president of the corporation, and his brother, Ralph C., is secretary and treasurer. There are four regular courses—commercial, stenographic, secretarial and accounting, while special courses consisting of subjects listed in the regular courses may be arranged also. Night sessions of the school are held on Monday and Thursday evenings. The various courses are arranged so that the progress of a student is not dependent on that of any other student and the length of time required for graduation depends entirely upon the individual. The school also maintains an employment department, which is under the direct supervision of the principal and is freely at the service of all graduates. This school is fully accredited by the United Accredited Association of Private Business Schools.

J. Harold Short is a republican in his political views and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a member of Endeavor Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M., at Milton, Delaware; Lockwood Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M., at Greenwich; Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; Stamford Commandery, No. 12, K. T., of which he is recorder; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Bridgeport. He also belongs to the High Ridge Country Club; the Lions Club, of which he is president; is treasurer and a direc-

tor of the Chamber of Commerce; is secretary of the Retail Merchants Bureau; is a director of the Greenwich Young Men's Christian Association, and president of the Connecticut Business Educators Association. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Greenwich and president of its Men's Club. He is very fond of outdoor sports, golf being his favorite form of recreation. He is devoting himself closely to the interests of his school, in which he is meeting with very gratifying success, and has gained distinctive recognition as one who is in his line contributing definitely to the welfare of the community which he serves.

PATRICK DURKIN
DENIS E. DURKIN

One of Danbury's old and substantial business concerns is the firm of Patrick Durkin & Sons, Inc., of 12 Mallory street, of which Patrick Durkin is president and Denis E. Durkin treasurer. The latter was born in Danbury in 1886 and is a son of Patrick and Mary C. (Darcey) Durkin. The father was born in Ireland in 1854, a son of Patrick and Mary (Tighe) Durkin, and received his education in the public schools of that country. When eighteen years old he came to the United States and in 1880 settled in Danbury, Connecticut. For a number of years he was employed by various hatters in this city and in 1896 he embarked in business on his own account in the manufacture of hatters' supplies. He began in a small way at 12 Mallory street, and, the venture proving successful, in the course of time he broadened his scope of operations and engaged in the making of window shades, tents and artistic awnings. He has managed his affairs wisely and has enjoyed uniform prosperity, gaining a high place in business circles of his city. In 1880 he was married to Miss Mary C. Darcey, who was born on Staten Island, New York, and they are the parents of four children: Denis, James, Lawrence and Maude.

Denis E. Durkin received his educational training in the public schools of Danbury and then became associated with his father in business, eventually being admitted to an interest in the concern, which was incorporated under its present name of Patrick

Durkin & Sons. As treasurer he has been an important factor in its successful operation. In 1916, in Danbury, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Shalvoy, of this city, and they are the parents of seven children, Mary, Denis, Agnes, John, William, Rita and June.

Patrick Durkin belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Concordia Club, while Denis E. Durkin is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Danbury Club, the Ridgewood Country Club and the Rotary Club. Father and son have been loyal and public-spirited in their consistent support of everything pertaining to the progress and advancement of their community, giving generously to all worthy causes, and they command to a marked degree the esteem of all who know them.

FREDERICK BRAINARD DALTON

For more than four decades Frederick B. Dalton has been connected with the Danbury News, one of the strongest and most influential newspapers of Connecticut, and for over twenty-five years of this period has served as manager, in which capacity he has gained a wide reputation as a capable and successful newspaper man. Mr. Dalton was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, in 1869, and is a son of Flavius J. and Marietta W. (Flint) Dalton. The former passed away in 1883 and the latter in 1899.

Mr. Dalton attended the public schools of his native city and St. Johnsbury Academy. In 1886 he came to Danbury and went to work on the Danbury News, one of Fairfield county's oldest newspapers, the manager of which at that time was his uncle, George W. Flint, through whose influence Mr. Dalton was induced to come here. With a natural aptitude for journalism, progressive in his ideas and always up-to-date in his methods, he has given the News a high type of service and maintained it in the front rank of the distinctive institutions of Fairfield county, in the progress and welfare of which it has been a constant factor. He is also a director of the Danbury Building & Loan Association.

In 1898 Mr. Dalton was united in marriage to Miss Florence

FREDERICK B. DALTON

Gertrude Wigham, of Norwalk, Connecticut. He is a member of the Danbury Club, of which he was one of the organizers, and he served as secretary for a number of years. He belongs to the Ridgewood Country Club, has taken a keen personal interest in everything concerning the material, civic or moral advancement of Fairfield county and to a marked degree commands the confidence and respect of his fellowmen. He is a Mason, belonging to Union Lodge, F. & A. M.; Wooster Council, R. & S. M.; Eureka Chapter, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

The history of journalism in Connecticut contains nothing more romantic than the story of James Montgomery Bailey, the "Danbury News man," who found himself transformed almost literally "over night" by the homely genius of his pen, from an obscure small-town editor into a nationally and internationally known literary figure. His first paper published for Danbury and the neighboring towns appeared on January 1, 1873. It was at that time simply a country newspaper, with no attractive literary features, but the dry humor and wit of the "Danbury News man" brightened its columns and made it a welcome guest in many homes.

Mr. Bailey virtually began his newspaper career as a correspondent of one of the Danbury papers while a soldier in the Seventeenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. At the conclusion of the war he returned to Danbury and with one of his army comrades, Timothy Donovan, a practical printer, purchased the Danbury Times and later the Jeffersonian. In March, 1870, the plants were united and a new paper, the Danbury News, established. In 1878 the firm of Bailey & Donovan dissolved partnership and Mr. Bailey became the sole owner of the paper, which he conducted until his death in 1894. A daily paper, the Danbury Evening News, was established by Mr. Bailey in 1883.

The business was bequeathed by Mr. Bailey to his brother-in-law, George W. Flint, who had been the business manager of the paper for several years, and his half-brother, William L. Smith, with others of his family. Messrs. Flint and Smith acquired the interest of the others in the business after a short time and continued the publication of the paper under the firm name of Flint & Smith until their deaths, since which time the business has been

conducted by their heirs under the name of the Danbury News Publishing Company. Frederick B. Dalton, the present manager and one of the owners of the News, is a nephew of the late George W. Flint and was associated with him in the management of the business. He has been connected with the News since as a youth he entered the employ of the paper several years before the death of Mr. Bailey.

EDWARD B. DOULENS

Edward B. Doulens, of South Norwalk, deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, has proven a man of absolute integrity, and his long service in his present position stands in evidence of his faithful and satisfactory performance of duty. He was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1877 and of Swiss and Irish stock, his father, Charles Doulens, having been a native of Berne, Switzerland, while his mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Burch, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland. Charles Doulens was brought to this country at the age of nine years and located in Norwalk, where he was reared and educated. He was in the employ of the Norwalk Lock Company for a number of years. His death occurred January 22, 1902.

Edward B. Doulens received his education in the grammar schools of that city. While still quite young, he went to work as a newsboy on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which occupation he followed for three years. While engaged in that work he met Charles T. Dimond, of the R. & G. Corset Company, of South Norwalk, who secured for him a position with that company. He remained with that concern for twenty-two years, during which period he received deserved promotions, and in June, 1915, resigned in order to accept an appointment as deputy sheriff of Fairfield county for Norwalk and South Norwalk, in which position he has served continuously to the present time. During the World war Mr. Doulens had charge of the intelligence department of the Dupont Powder Company, Stamford.

Mr. Doulens has been married twice, first, in 1905, to Miss Caroline McMaugh, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and to them were born two sons: Edward Humphrey, the elder, who was graduated

from the Norwalk high school, took a course in journalism in Columbia University, after which he was a reporter for the Evening Sentinel of South Norwalk and is now with Variety, of New York. Roger Burnill is now fourteen years old and is extremely fond of and proficient in athletics. The mother of these children passed away on March 12, 1917, and in November, 1918, Mr. Doulens was married to Julia Russell Stewart, of Stamford, Connecticut, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Russell.

Mr. Doulens is an active supporter of the republican party and served six years as chairman of the town and city committee and about ten years as registrar of voters. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

He possesses in his makeup the essential qualities of good citizenship and during all the years of his residence in South Norwalk has so ordered his actions as to earn the confidence of the people among whom he has lived, while among his associates and friends he is extremely popular.

EDWARD LAWRENCE

Business activity in New Canaan finds a worthy representative in Edward Lawrence, who is a well known realtor, having gained a large clientele through his progressive methods and enterprising spirit. New Canaan numbers him among her native sons. He was born November 2, 1896, his parents being Edward B. and Fannie (Davenport) Lawrence. He began his education in the schools of his native borough and afterward attended the King School at Stamford and the Eastman School of Business at Poughkeepsie, New York. Having completed his course of study, he returned to New Canaan in 1915 and became connected with the automobile business in the sale of the Dodge cars. He was thus engaged until 1917, when he joined the United States Naval Reserve at Pelham, continuing with the army until discharged in March, 1919.

Mr. Lawrence then returned to New Canaan and in July, 1920, joined Francis E. Green in the real estate and insurance business, along which line he has since directed his efforts with the result that his unremitting industry, forcefulness and relia-

bility have won for him a creditable place among the realtors of this section of the county.

On the 14th of June, 1919, at New Canaan, Mr. Lawrence was married to Miss Beatrice Green, a daughter of Francis E. Green, and they now have two children: Edward, born in May, 1924; and Marjorie, in July, 1925.

Mr. Lawrence gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since attaining his majority, and in 1928 he filled the office of member of the board of burgesses. For three years he has served on the republican town committee and at no time is he neglectful of his duties and obligations of citizenship. Fraternally he is a Mason, having membership in Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Washington Chapter, R. A. M., at Norwalk, Connecticut; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., of Norwalk; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport. Having always made his home at New Canaan, he is well known here and the sterling worth of his character has gained for him the friendship and high regard of those with whom he has been associated.

JAMES E. DURKIN

James E. Durkin, of Danbury, has through his industry, persistence and good management built up a large and prosperous business as a manufacturer of and dealer in hatters' supplies and is recognized as one of his community's progressive and reliable citizens. He was born in 1884 in the city in which he now lives and is a son of Patrick and Mary C. (Darcey) Durkin, both of whom were born in Ireland. He received his education in the public schools of Danbury, after which he became associated with his father, who was president and treasurer of Durkin & Sons, at 12 Mallory street, dealers in hatters' supplies, tents and awnings. He was connected with that concern until 1922, when he decided to embark in commercial affairs on his own account, establishing a store at 58 Elm street, in which he carries a large and complete line of hatters' supplies, including burlap, jute goods, cotton goods, brushes and auxiliary lines, and in this enterprise he has met with a very satisfactory measure of success.

Mr. Durkin is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order

of Elks and throughout the community in which he has spent his life he commands confidence and respect, for he has proven a man of high ideals and worthy motives, while his personal qualities are such as have gained for him many warm friends.

JOHN HARRIS

Beginning his struggle for a livelihood at an early age, John Harris has hewn his way through a forest of difficulties and is now a leader of commercial activity in Danbury and one of its foremost hotel men. A native of Mayfield, Pennsylvania, he was born in 1886 and when very young death deprived him of his parents, Dan and Anna (Tierney) Harris. At the age of twelve he was obliged to leave school and started to work for the Erie Coal Company at Mayfield, continuing with the firm for three years. He was determined to secure an education and enrolled as a pupil in a night school, utilizing every opportunity to advance. Afterward he went to New York city, obtaining a position in Hotel Portland on Forty-seventh street, and later he was employed in the St. Regis, where he remained for about six years. In 1911 he became a clerk in the Knott, a chain hotel, of which he was made manager at the end of six months, and thus served for four years.

In 1915 Mr. Harris came to Danbury as manager of Hotel Green, of which he had charge for two years, and in 1917 made a trip to the west. He spent about nine months on the Pacific coast, visiting Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and following his return to the east renewed his activities with the Knott Hotel in New York city, with which he was connected until 1922. Mr. Harris then located in Danbury and in association with A. O. Hayward formed a company which purchased Hotel Green. This corporation is known as the Danbury Hotel Company, of which Mr. Harris is the president. Hotel Green is a class A building which is five stories high and contains eighty guest rooms. In 1927 Mr. Harris purchased the Pershing block, which adjoins the hotel, and has converted all of the floors except the first into beautifully furnished apartments of two, three, four and five rooms, supplied with every modern convenience. This is now a part of Hotel Green, which has made notable progress under the

expert management of Mr. Harris and is regarded as one of the best hostelries in the state. Many time-worn conventions of hotel life have been set aside in favor of hospitality and comfort, and the guests of Hotel Green actually dwell in the atmosphere of a refined home. No detail of its operation escapes the keen observation of Mr. Harris, who has thoroughly systematized the business and introduced new methods resulting in increased efficiency as well as material financial gain.

In 1920 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Helen Blank, of New York city, and they now have three children, John, Nancy and Betty. Along social lines Mr. Harris is connected with the Danbury Club, the Ridgewood Country Club and the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport. His fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons. He is a member of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Starting with nothing, he has made his own way in the world and the record of his career constitutes an example of industry, determination and stability that others might profitably follow. Mr. Harris is a business man of the highest integrity and ability, rich in experience, kind-hearted and faithful to every relation in life.

ROBERT A. ROSE, D. D. S.

Dr. Robert A. Rose, who has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Stamford during the past seventeen years, has utilized every opportunity to perfect himself in his chosen vocation and fully meets the requirements of the profession. A native son of Stamford, Connecticut, he was here born on the 10th of December, 1886, his parents being Charles Edward and Elizabeth (FitzRoy) Rose, natives of Greenwich, this state. William Rose, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Rose, was born in Pennsylvania and for a number of years operated a farm known as "Palmers Hill" in the vicinity of Stamford, Connecticut, whereon he died. His political support was given to the republican party. His wife, a native of England, passed away in Stamford, this state. Mrs. Elizabeth (FitzRoy) Rose was a daughter of the late Henry FitzRoy, a landscape gardener of Greenwich, Connecticut, who also voted the republican ticket and was a consistent member of the Episcopal church. Charles Edward Rose, the father of Dr.

R. A. Rose, has been associated with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford for a number of years. In politics he is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Episcopal church. He and his wife are well known and highly esteemed residents of Stamford.

Robert A. Rose acquired his preliminary education in the Williams street grammar school and continued his studies in the Stamford high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. In preparation for the profession of dentistry, which he had chosen as a life work, he then entered the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York city, which conferred upon him the degree of D. D. S. at his graduation with the class of 1911. He at once returned for practice to his native city, maintaining an office on Atlantic street until 1925, when he removed to 17 office. The entrance to his office is on the Main street side, overlooking the beautiful grounds of St. John's Episcopal church—an ideal location. Dr. Rose has built up a large practice with the passing years and is now classed with Stamford's leading dentists. He possesses much mechanical skill and ingenuity and his office is equipped with the most modern dental appliances. His name is on the membership rolls of the Stamford Dental Society, the Western Fairfield Dental Society, the Connecticut State Dental Society and the American Dental Association, and the First District Dental Society in New York city.

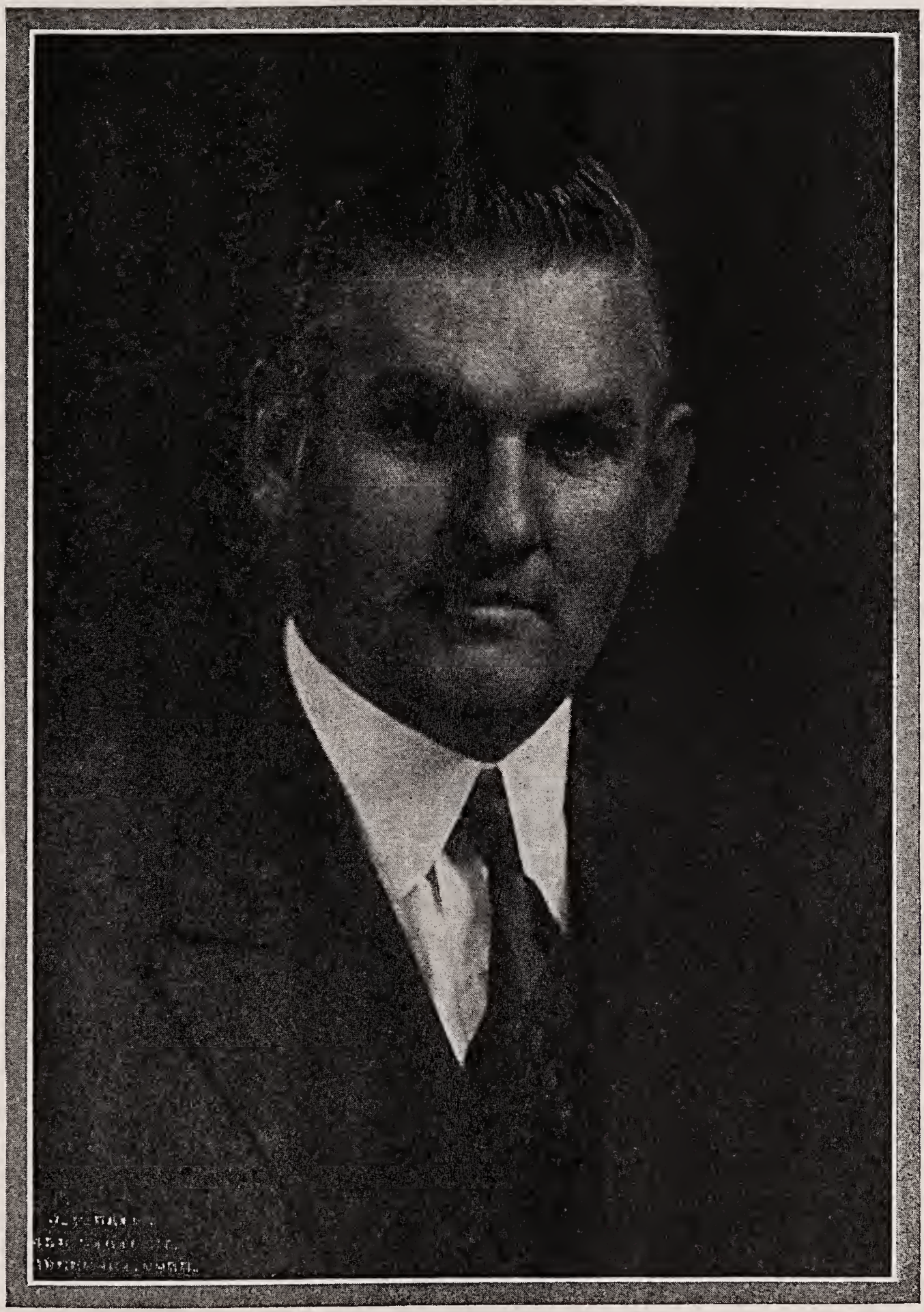
On the 6th of November, 1912, in Glenbrook, Connecticut, Dr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Mae Rew, who was there born November 11, 1891, her parents being James R. and Julia E. (Denton) Rew. Her father, a native of England, was a cabinetmaker by trade and died in Glenbrook, this state, in the faith of the Episcopal church. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. The mother of Mrs. Rose was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and still resides in Glenbrook, this state. Mrs. Rose received her education in the grade and high schools of Glenbrook. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, namely: Robert Charles, who was born June 10, 1914, and is soloist in St. John's Episcopal church, singing boy soprano; Howard James, born June 6, 1917, who is also a member of St. John's Episcopal church choir; and Joanne, whose natal day was March 3, 1923.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Dr. Rose has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles contain the best elements of good government. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M., of Stamford, and to Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. He is also affiliated with Stamford Lodge, No. 899, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with Puritan Lodge, No. 14, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He likewise belongs to the Greek letter fraternity Psi Omega. Both he and his wife are active and helpful members of St. John's Episcopal church of Stamford, and the Doctor has also joined the Suburban Club of Stamford and the Hubbard Heights Golf Club, finding much pleasure as well as necessary relaxation in a game on the links. Dr. and Mrs. Rose have always resided in Fairfield county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

GEORGE ALFRED SHERWOOD

Early in life George Alfred Sherwood recognized the fact that there is no royal road to success, which is the outcome of tireless industry and unfaltering purpose, and along these lines he has labored for advancement. Profiting by his business experience, which has covered a broad scope, he is successfully administering the affairs of the Packard Bridgeport Motors, Inc., and has been an influential factor in local automobile circles for eighteen years. He was born in Southport, Connecticut, January 31, 1883, a son of Frederick D. and Ella Louisa (Woods) Sherwood, natives of Massachusetts. His grandfather, Joseph Wakeman Sherwood, was born in Southport and became a sea captain. During the Civil war he was engaged in transport work for the Federal government and continued as a master mariner throughout his life. He married a Miss Sarah Ann Shaw, who was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, and both passed away in Southport.

Their son, Frederick D. Sherwood, was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, January 26, 1850, and began his career as a sailor at the age of thirteen. At that time he started to work on the northern transport commanded by his father and eventually rose



GEORGE A. SHERWOOD

to the position of captain in the coastwise trade. He was connected with the coastwise trade for many years but maintained his home in Southport and died in March, 1922. Like his father, he was a republican, and his life was governed by the teachings of the Congregational church. His wife was born in Ware, Massachusetts, January 27, 1849, and passed away January 27, 1914, in Southport. Her parents, David and Louisa (Breckenridge) Woods, were also natives of Massachusetts and both died in Southport. The father taught school as a young man and later followed the vocation of a stationary engineer. The Breckenridges were originally from Scotland but owing to religious persecution members of the family left that country in 1634 and came to America. Some settled near Brookfield, Massachusetts, and others later migrated to Kentucky.

George Alfred Sherwood attended the public schools of Southport and at the age of thirteen started to work with his father who, at that time, was in the oyster and fish business. His nights during this period he devoted to performing various kinds of jobs and newspaper selling, and the evenings of one winter he worked in a printing office for a local paper. For two summers he was an instructor on a yacht teaching young people the art of navigation; and then turned his attention to painting and decorating, to which he devoted a similar period. During that time he was associated with an uncle and next secured a position in the Jennings meat market, which he left at the end of fifteen months. For several years he assisted his father in the local boat yard and in 1900 he entered the employ of a wholesale and retail grocery in Southport. He was thus engaged for about nine years and in 1910 he made his first independent venture, locating in Bridgeport, where he established the distributership for the state for the Kline Kar. Mr. Sherwood discontinued that line on the expiration of fourteen months and from November, 1911, until 1922 he was a Packard distributor and a partner in the Blue Ribbon Garage. In January, 1922, he took over the agency and established the Packard Bridgeport Motors, Inc., of which he has since been the president and treasurer. In the 7th of April, 1928, the business was moved to a new building located at No. 1020 Fairfield avenue, which affords thirty-five thousand square feet of floor space. It is well adapted to the needs of the firm, which has one of the finest display rooms in the city. Mr. Sherwood

knows the merits of the Packard car and utilizes the most effective methods of salesmanship. His business has been carefully planned and is rapidly expanding under his expert management.

In October, 1917, Mr. Sherwood married Miss Ruth Colburn Holman, who was born September 26, 1885, and is a graduate of Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts. She is a daughter of the Rev. William Henry and Clara (Erskine) Holman, the former a direct descendant of Governor Bradford. Rev. Holman was born in Newton, Massachusetts, January 19, 1852, and was graduated from Harvard University and the Union Theological Seminary. For thirty-eight years he was pastor of the Congregational church at Southport, Connecticut, where he still resides, and is now retired. His wife was born in Milford, Massachusetts, May 31, 1856, and passed away in Southport. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood have two sons: John Holman, who was born December 7, 1919; and Robert Breckenridge, born January 15, 1922.

Mr. Sherwood's only hobby is yacht racing. He is a charter member of the Pequot Yacht Club. Mrs. Sherwood was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity while a college student and is active in the work of the United Congregational church, of which Mr. Sherwood is a deacon. He is identified with the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce and the Bridgeport Young Men's Christian Association. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and heartily endorses all movements of reform, progress and improvement but has never aspired to public office. By nature he is genial, frank and unassuming, and an upright life of quiet devotion to duty has won for him a secure place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN P. HOLST

Prominent in the younger circle of Bridgeport's capable and successful business men stands John P. Holst, vice president and general manager of the Highway Transfer Company, one of the leading motor transportation concerns of Fairfield county. Mr. Holst was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the 12th of August, 1897, a son of John and Dora (Langfeldt) Holst, both of whom are natives of Germany and are now residing in Bridgeport, Connecticut. His paternal grandfather, Peter Holst, was a lifelong

resident of Germany. The father is numbered among the enterprising and up-to-date business men of Bridgeport, being president of the Highway Transfer Corporation. He is a republican in his political views and he and his wife are earnest members of the Lutheran church.

John P. Holst received his education in the public schools of Bridgeport and then became an apprentice in the shops of the A. H. Nilson Manufacturing Company, for which concern he worked four years. Afterward he was employed in several tool shops in Bridgeport and during this time also took a number of courses in tool designing in the mechanical engineering school of New York University. During the World war he offered his services to the government and was assigned to Watervliet Arsenal, at Watervliet, New York, where, under Alfred Bodine, he was placed in charge of the divisions of gauge and tool inspection and civilian employ. At the close of the war he entered the engineering department of the Harvey Hubbell Manufacturing Company, in which he remained for two years, and then for a short time was in the tool division of the General Electric Company. He then became associated with his father in conducting the business of the Highway Transfer Company, becoming vice president and general manager, in which dual capacity he is still serving. This corporation operates fifteen motor trucks and is engaged principally in the hauling of merchandise freight between Hartford, Connecticut, and New York city, and its volume of business has shown a steady and substantial growth.

On July 15, 1924, in Bridgeport, Mr. Holst was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Agnes Preece, who was born December 27, 1899, and is a daughter of Richard and Mary (Walker) Preece, of Ansonia, Connecticut, where her father is engaged in a successful business as funeral director. Mrs. Holst, who is a graduate of the Ansonia high school, is a Lutheran in her religious affiliation and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Holst are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Louise, born December 29, 1927.

In his political views Mr. Holst is an ardent republican and is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. He belongs to the Motor Truck Association and has served on several of its legislative committees. He is a lover of outdoor life, being partial to fishing and the game of football, while his favorite indoor

diversion is the building of radio sets, in which he is an expert. He is a gentleman of cordial and unaffected manner, is well known in social circles, and he and his wife are deservedly popular throughout the range of their acquaintance. Mr. Holst has shown marked executive ability as manager of the transfer company, and his record has earned for him the respect and confidence of all who have had dealings with him.

ASHER PAPISH

Asher Papish, of Danbury, stands as an exemplar of the effective exercise of persistent industry, clear headed judgment and sound principles in practical business affairs, and the splendid success which is crowning his efforts has been well merited. Mr. Papish was born in Russia on the 13th of May, 1876, and is a son of Samuel and Flora (Reznick) Papish, also natives of that country. He received his education in the grammar and high schools of his native land, also studying in a private school for a time. In 1895, when nineteen years of age, he came to the United States, landing in New York, where he secured employment as a clerk in a furniture store, which line of work he followed for two months. He then turned his attention to the tailoring business, being employed for a couple of years in the making of men's vests. Going to Keypoint, New Jersey, he engaged in the metal and iron business, later following the same business in New London, Connecticut.

Eventually Mr. Papish came to Danbury, where he conducted a successful iron business under the name of A. Papish for several years. In 1905 he located in Brookfield, Connecticut, and started a hatters' fur business, in which he was making very satisfactory headway when he received a setback in the destruction of his factory by fire. Nothing daunted, he came to Danbury and bought his present factory building on East Franklin street, where he is now carrying on a very prosperous business in the making of hatters' fur. Mr. Papish wisely continued the iron and metal business until the fur business was on a paying basis, when he discontinued it and is now devoting his entire time and attention to his Danbury factory.

In 1909 Mr. Papish was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Reznick, who also was born in Russia, and they are the parents of a son, Leo Isadore, who is seventeen years of age and is a graduate of the Danbury high school. Mr. Papish is a man of excellent personal qualities, and all who know him hold him in high esteem.

ROBERT R. MacDONALD

Among Stamford's well known and successful insurance men stands Robert R. MacDonald, who has an office in this city and business connections in New York city, and who is meeting with very satisfactory success. He was born in South Norwalk, Connecticut, on the 9th of June, 1897, and is the son of Robert A. and Caroline (Selleck) MacDonald. His paternal great-grandfather, Alexander MacDonald, came from the Isle of Skye, Scotland, to Prince Edward Island, Canada, about 1838. His eldest son, Peter MacDonald, married Anne Maria Kyley, whose father built the first sailing vessel on Prince Edward Island. He moved to Bath, Maine, where he became a ship builder and lived for sixty years. His death occurred at Wiscasset, Maine, in 1927. He was a republican in his political views and a Baptist in his religious faith.

Robert A. MacDonald, eldest son of Peter MacDonald, was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and was for a long period engaged in the drug business in South Norwalk, Connecticut, but is now retired from active affairs and is living in Gardiner, Maine. He supports the republican party and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His wife was born in West Norwalk, Connecticut, and is now living in Darien, this state.

Robert R. MacDonald attended the Darien public schools and was graduated from the Stamford high school in 1914. On June 20, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World war, and went into training at Niantic, Connecticut. He was assigned to the One Hundred and Second Ambulance Corps, Twenty-sixth Division, and served overseas twenty months. He returned to this country, April 9, 1919, and on the 29th of that month was honorably discharged. He then became associated with the insurance brokerage house of Betts & Betts, at 52 Vanderbilt avenue, New York city, with which he has remained connected to the present time,

and is also a member of the firm of Betts & MacDonald, in Stamford.

On June 13, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. MacDonald was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Taft, who was born in Brooklyn, July 12, 1903, and is a daughter of George Chapin and Ethel Elizabeth (Smith) Taft. Her paternal grandparents were Caleb C. and Maria L. (Harris) Taft. Caleb Taft was a native and lifelong resident of West Bloomfield, New York, a farmer by vocation, a supporter of the republican party and a member of the Congregational church. His wife was born in South Salem, New York, and died in Brooklyn. George Chapin Taft was born in West Bloomfield, New York, and is now residing in Brooklyn, that state, where he is assistant resident manager of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation of London, England. His wife was born and has always lived in Brooklyn. Mr. Taft is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mrs. MacDonald is descended from Revolutionary ancestry on the maternal side of her family, as is also Mr. MacDonald. Mrs. MacDonald attended the Packer Collegiate Institute of Brooklyn and was graduated from Vassar College in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She takes a keen interest in the social and civic affairs of her community. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald are the parents of a daughter, Barbara, born September 26, 1926, and of a son, George Taft MacDonald, born February 13, 1929.

Mr. MacDonald is a republican in his political faith, and is a member of the Stamford Yacht Club, the High Ridge Country Club, the Stamford Board of Insurance Underwriters and the National Association of Insurance Agents.

MRS. ALICE (WRIGHT) RUSS

Because of her war work and her close connection with many lines of activity of great benefit to her fellowmen, Mrs. Alice (Wright) Russ is an outstanding figure in Fairfield county, making her home at Huntington Center. She is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts, and a daughter of William E. and Mary Jane (Smith) Russ. She completed the public school course and after leaving high school prepared for Vassar College, but it was

about that time that she became acquainted with John B. Russ and her life plans were changed inasmuch as she became his wife on the 10th of April, 1911.

Mrs. Russ has long been very prominent in connection with public affairs. During the World war period she served as inspector in the gas defense plant on Long Island and later was appointed personnel officer with supervision over eight hundred and sixty-five girls who were doing war work. She is closely associated with the American Legion, has served as vice president of the post and was the organizer of the auxiliary. Throughout her entire life she has supported those forces and movements which tend to uplift the individual and make for the upbuilding of character. It was natural therefore that she became identified with the Girl Scout movement and is now commissioner of their camp of Derby and Shelton. She has membership in the Women's Relief Corps, in the Farmill River Grange and in the Congregational church and for ten years she served on the executive board of the Daughters of the American Revolution, acting for four years as state chairman. In every organization with which she becomes identified she is found as an effective and earnest worker, giving much time and thought to the matter of developing each particular organization and making its purpose of practical benefit.

Mrs. Russ has done a notable amount of public service as an office holder. For four years she has been on the board of education of Shelton and for four years served as alderman, during which period she closely studied municipal problems and aided in bringing about needed reforms and progress. Her political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and she has served as vice chairman, secretary and treasurer of the town committee. She has also been a member of the executive board of the Republican Women's Club of Fairfield county and was chosen to the presidency of the Huntington Republican Club. Her political work is the result of a firm belief in the principles of the party with which she is thoroughly familiar, keeping in touch with all the vital questions and issues of the day. She became a charter member of the National Republican Club of New York, has been a member of the committee on national affairs and national committee woman of the republican party. In the fall of 1928 she

was elected a member of the state legislature and in this position her supporters have no doubt that she will measure up to the highest standards of legislative service.

Mrs. Russ has the distinction of being the first woman chosen to serve as a director of the Shelton Chamber of Commerce. For more than sixteen years she has been an active member of the Girls Club of Derby and Shelton and for fourteen years has served on the executive board of the District Nurse Association. Through a period of twelve years she has been chairman of the Shelton welfare committee and a member of that committee for another five-year period. It is her custom to spend many hours in visiting the sick in Griffin Hospital and on many occasions she has quietly and unostentatiously furnished the means whereby a patient might receive specialist care in other hospitals. She acts as president of the Ladies Aid and is a trustee of the Griffin Hospital and she had charge of purchasing the furnishings for the Russ Memorial Home for Nurses. She has likewise worked effectively and earnestly for the Laurel Heights Sanatorium and Allingtown Hospital and she has had charge of the Friend Russ Fund. Her greatest pleasure comes in ministering to the welfare and happiness of others. She is constantly extending a helping hand where aid is needed and speaking a word of encouragement, and she sheds around her much of the sunshine of life.

FREDERICK L. MILLS

Commercial activity in Bridgeport has been stimulated by the well directed efforts of Frederick L. Mills, a well known automobile dealer with a background of twenty-five years of practical experience in the business. He was born in Westport, Connecticut, July 19, 1876, a son of Arthur and Mary (Boyle) Mills. The father was a native of the same place and always lived in that part of the state, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a Congregationalist in religious faith and passed away in 1888. The mother was born in England and resides at Greens Farms, in Fairfield county.

In the acquirement of an education Frederick L. Mills attended the public schools of Greens Farms and there became

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associated with Edward J. Taylor in the cultivation and sale of flowers, thus continuing for five years. Afterward he followed the occupation of farming and also engaged in general contracting for some time. In 1903 he embarked in the automobile business in Bridgeport, becoming one of the early dealers here, and prospered from the beginning owing to his close application and good management. His patronage increased from year to year, and in 1922 he organized The F. L. Mills Company, Inc., of which he has since been president and treasurer. They are the local distributors of the Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow cars and have attractive display rooms at No. 2316 Fairfield avenue. Their annual sales amount to a large figure and they also operate an up-to-date service station. Mr. Mills is thoroughly informed regarding the latest developments in the automobile industry and knows the merits of the cars he sells. He is a sagacious, far-sighted business man and one of the leading automobile dealers of the city. His experience and ability have also been of benefit to the Bridgeport Coach Lace Company, of which he is vice president, and to The Nash Sales Company, Inc., the Fish Motor Company, and the Morris Plan Bank, of which he is a director.

Mr. Mills was married December 14, 1899, in Southport, Connecticut, to Miss Sarah Augusta Baker, who was born June 16, 1879, in that town. She was graduated from the Bridgeport high school and engaged in teaching prior to her marriage. Her parents, Ebenezer and Julia Augusta (Gorman) Baker, who resided on a farm in the vicinity of Southport, have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have two children: Frederick B., who was born December 12, 1908, and after his graduation from the Lawrenceville high school entered Yale University, being a member of the class of 1930; and Anne Gorham, who was born in 1909 and is a student at the Russell Sage College in Troy, New York.

Mr. Mills is a Congregationalist, and his wife is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Southport. In politics he is a strong republican, but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He is a Mason, belonging to Corinthian Lodge, No. 104, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, the Algonquin Club, the Pequot Yacht Club, and the Brooklawn and Greenfield Hill Country Clubs. Many of his leisure hours are devoted to golf, and healthful exercise keeps him physically and mentally fit. Honorable and straightforward,

Mr. Mills has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had business dealings and his success is well deserved. The Mills residence is in Sailor's Lane, Fairfield.

MARTIN GORMAN

One of Danbury's most highly respected citizens and prosperous business men is Martin Gorman, member of Gorman & Tomaino Fur Company, Inc. He is a native of this city, where he has spent practically all of his life, and has been connected with the hat-making business for nearly fifty years.

Mr. Gorman was born on the 1st of January, 1864, and is a son of John and Ellen (Gallagher) Gorman, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father is deceased, and the mother, who is now well advanced in years, is making her home with her son, who is giving her every care and attention.

Martin Gorman received his education in the public schools of Danbury and then began working at the hat industry, in some phase or another of which he has been employed continuously since 1880 in the various factories of Danbury. In 1917 Mr. Gorman formed a partnership with Julian F. Tomaino, and engaged in the fur cutting business, under the name of Gorman & Tomaino Fur Company, Inc., with their factory at 16-24 River street, Danbury. He thoroughly understands every detail of the business, has devoted his attention tirelessly to the operation of the plant and has met with very satisfactory success.

In June, 1928, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage to Mary Graham, who was also born in Danbury and is a daughter of Bernard and Jane Graham, of that city, now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Gorman is a democrat and has been selected by his party as its standard bearer on several occasions. He was elected a representative to the state legislature in 1903, 1911, 1915 and 1917, in which body he gave a good account of himself, serving on a number of important committees and supporting every measure calculated to promote the public interests. In February, 1928, Mr. Gorman was appointed a member of the board of estimate and apportionment of the city of Danbury. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, and served as president of

the Hatmakers' Association from 1905 to 1908. A man of quiet and unaffected manner, he is, nevertheless, a man of positive character and substantial qualities and because of his splendid business record and kindly manner, he commands the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

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HON. JOSEPH RADBURN TAYLOR

High on the list of Fairfield county's able and successful lawyers stands the name of Joseph R. Taylor, who has been engaged in the practice of law in South Norwalk for thirty-eight years, during which period he has commanded recognition as a capable, resourceful and dependable attorney. He was born in Annandale, Dutchess county, New York, on the 4th of January, 1869, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Radburn) Taylor. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, where he was reared and educated. In his early twenties he came to the United States, living for awhile in New Jersey and Maine, and finally locating in Annandale, New York, where he resided for a number of years. In 1871 he moved to Norwalk, Connecticut, and entered the employ of the Lounsbury & Bissell Company, of whose plant he later became superintendent, holding that position until he retired from active affairs, about five years prior to his death, which occurred in 1911. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., and Our Brothers Lodge, I. O. O. F. His wife was born in Cheltenham, England, where her family had long been established. She came to this country in her girlhood and located in Syracuse, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born five children, namely: Annie J., deceased; Emily A., deceased, who was the wife of Zachariah Keasler, of Mount Kisco, New York; Walter T., of Norwalk; Joseph R., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

Joseph R. Taylor received his early education in the public schools of Norwalk and took up the study of law in the office of Hon. John H. Light, of South Norwalk. He was admitted to the bar on May 23, 1890, and for about five years was associated with Judge Light. Subsequently he became a partner of his former preceptor, under the firm name of Light & Taylor, a relation

which was continued for several years. The partnership was then dissolved, after which time Mr. Taylor practiced alone for sometime but is now senior partner of the firm of Taylor & Lovejoy, having his offices in the South Norwalk Trust building. He has commanded a large practice, specializing in corporation law, and has appeared as counsel in many noted cases in the courts of this county, while as an office counselor he is regarded as sound and safe.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Hutchinson, daughter of Andrew Hutchinson, of Norwalk. Her father was born near Belfast, Ireland, and in young manhood came to the United States. For many years he was superintendent of the Norwalk Mills Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born two sons: Kenneth H., born September 25, 1897; and Gerald Radburn, born February 9, 1904. Kenneth H. Taylor spent two and a half years in Cornell University, laying aside his textbooks to enlist in the United States Signal Corps for service in the World war. He was stationed at Fort Wood, New York, and in October, 1917, was transferred to the Medical Corps and sent to Camp Eustis, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, preparatory for overseas duty. They were held there seven weeks, during which time the armistice was signed, and he was then transferred back to Fort Wood, where he was honorably discharged in July, 1919.

He was married on October 19, 1923, to Miss Alice Streeton and is now with the E. H. Hotchkiss Company of Norwalk. Gerald Radburn Taylor was graduated from St. John's Military School at Manlius, New York, in 1921, and is now connected with the Norwalk Agency Real Estate & Insurance Corporation. He was married September 25, 1926, to Miss Helen S. MacLaren, and they have a daughter Jeanne, who was born January 14, 1929.

In his political views, Mr. Taylor is a stanch republican and has always shown a keen interest in public affairs. He served for fifteen years as clerk of the old city of South Norwalk, was for nearly ten years first prosecutor in the town court, and was appointed judge of the city court, which office he held for a similar period. In November, 1927, he was appointed corporation counsel for the city of Norwalk and is now acting in that capacity. He is a member of Old Well Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter,

No. 38, R. A. M.; South Norwalk Lodge, B. P. O. E.; the South Norwalk Club, the Roxbury Club and other local organizations. He is a director and vice president of the South Norwalk Trust Company, the Norwalk Building, Loan & Investment Company and the Norwalk Country Club Company. During the World war he was a member of the local advisory board and the various Liberty Loan committees and spoke several nights a week during the loan drives. He and his family are attendants of the Norwalk Congregational church, to which he gives liberal support, as he does also to all other worthy causes. Personally Mr. Taylor is a man of cordial and unaffected manner, a genial companion and a faithful friend. His citizenship is of the most substantial type, and he has been a consistent supporter of those things which are calculated to contribute to the progress and welfare of his community. His career has been marked by a candor and conscientiousness which has favorably impressed all who have come in contact with him, and in every respect he has proven well worthy of public confidence and respect.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON JOHNSON

Robert Livingston Johnson, a veteran of the World war, has achieved success in the field of advertising and figures prominently in business circles of New York city but resides in Stamford. He was born March 25, 1894, in New York city, and his father, Frank Russell Johnson, was a native of Albany, New York. The grandfather, Robert L. Johnson (I), was born in Schenectady, that state, and with two associates organized the Adams Express Company. Endowed with exceptional business ability and sagacity, he won the full measure of success and was numbered among the leading capitalists of Albany, in which city he passed away. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and supported the candidates of the republican party. Frank R. Johnson was a prosperous manufacturer and always remained in the Empire state, serving for a time on the governor's staff. In politics he was a republican, and his life was guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian church. He passed away in New York city in 1900, and his widow, Mrs. Grace H. (Bell) Johnson, is now living in Norwich, Connecticut. She was born April 16,

1870, and is fifty-nine years of age. Her parents were Charles and Angeline (Redman) Bell, the former a lifelong resident of New York city and an inventor of note. Mr. Bell was a Quaker and led an exemplary life.

Robert L. Johnson (II) completed a course in the Taft school at Watertown, Connecticut, and next matriculated in Yale University, becoming a member of the class of 1918. In May, 1917, he left that institution to enter the service of his country and was trained at Plattsburg, New York, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. In August, 1917, he sailed for France and after his graduation from the military training school at Saumur was transferred to the Seventh Regiment, attached to the First Division, with which he served until June, 1918, when he returned to the United States. While filling the post of an instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Johnson was stationed at Fort Sill until the termination of the war, when he was honorably discharged, and then returned to his native city, becoming associated with an advertising agency. In December, 1922, he was made advertising manager of the Times magazine of New York city and is now vice president of the company which owns and publishes that magazine. His broad knowledge of advertising methods is supplemented by executive ability and mature judgment, and his work in behalf of the company has been manifestly resultant.

Mr. Johnson was married August 20, 1917, in New York city to Miss Anna T. Rathbone, who was born August 14, 1897, and attended the Miss Chapin School in that city, completing her education in Farmington, Connecticut. She is a daughter of Albert and Emma Rathbone, natives of Albany, New York. Her grandfather, Joel Rathbone, was a lifelong resident of that city and one of its well known capitalists. His widow, Mrs. Angelica Rathbone, was also born in Albany and still resides there. Albert Rathbone is engaged in the practice of law and has long been regarded as one of the foremost members of the bar of New York city. During the World war he served as assistant secretary of the United States treasury and was an unofficial representative of the government on the reparations commission. He is an adherent of the democratic party and a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two sons; Robert L. (III),

who was born June 15, 1919; and Albert Rathbone, born November 17, 1924.

The parents are affiliated with the First Congregational church, and Mrs. Johnson is connected with the board of managers of the Children's Home of Stamford. She is a member of the Junior League and also of the Woman's Club. Mr. Johnson is identified with the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity, the Woodway Country Club of Stamford, and the Magazine, Advertising, Midtown and Yale Clubs of New York city. He is one of the directors of the Yale Placement Bureau Corporation and also of the Twenty-third street branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. A considerable portion of his time and energy has been devoted to the association, and in 1926 he was elected vice president of its board of managers, of which he became president in 1927. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and as a member of the city board of finance he rendered valuable service to Stamford. He is a devotee of golf and also enjoys tennis. That Mr. Johnson is a young man of broad and liberal views and wide contacts is shown by the nature of his interests, and the depth and strength of his character, combined with his ability, enterprise and public spirit, have gained for him a high place in the esteem of all who know him.

ANGUS H. MacKENZIE

Angus H. MacKenzie, who spent his earlier years in Massachusetts and New York, has long figured prominently in mercantile affairs as one of the proprietors of the Bridgeport Public Market, which he conducts in association with his brother, Roderick J. MacKenzie. On the 9th of December, 1897, they established the business on Bank street, where it is still located, starting with twenty-five employes, and they now have in the neighborhood of two hundred. They are retailers and jobbers and make deliveries with motors as well as horse-driven vehicles. About 1905 they opened a branch on East Main street, where they employ about twenty persons. Their original building has been rebuilt and has a frontage of one hundred and thirty feet on State street and of one hundred and twelve feet on Bank

street. They occupy the entire structure, which is equipped with refrigerators, carriers and every modern appliance requisite to their needs. An alley has been made through the building in order to keep the wagons off the street while loading for delivery. This is a covered alley, extending from street to street, and was constructed at considerable expense. The market is immaculate, and the produce sold by the firm is the best obtainable. The business is managed with system and efficiency and reflects the high standards of the men who control it. For thirty-one years the Bridgeport Public Market has been in continuous operation, becoming an important factor in the economic life of the city, and the steady growth of the business is proof of the quality of service rendered to patrons and the prestige enjoyed by the firm.

MacKenzie Brothers are enterprising, farsighted business men of the highest integrity and are progressive citizens who have always displayed a deep and helpful interest in matters touching the welfare and advancement of their community. Angus H. MacKenzie, president of the firm, has the mental alertness, resourcefulness and mature judgment of the true executive and manifests in his character the admirable traits of his Scotch ancestors.

COLONEL HENRY JAMES SEELEY

Colonel Henry James Seeley, now living retired at Bridgeport, has had a notable measure of success as a photographer, is also widely known in the circles of the Grand Army of the Republic and likewise is one of the best known citizens of Bridgeport. Colonel Seeley was born in Jericho, Vermont, February 22, 1849, a son of Samuel Hamilton and Catherine Elizabeth (Nash) Seeley, natives respectively of Keeseville, New York, and Jericho, Vermont. Colonel Seeley's ancestors came from England in 1628, and members of his family have taken part in all the wars of this country. A grandfather was wounded in the head by an arrow during the famous Pequot battle in the Fairfield swamp. Samuel H. Seeley, a machinist by trade, removed in early manhood to Winooski Falls, Vermont, where he was for a number of years in charge of the machinery of woolen

Henry J. Seeley

mills. Subsequently he removed to Wisconsin and was employed as a machinist in that state until his death in 1855. Later his widow returned to Vermont and just previous to the Civil war removed to Lafayette, Indiana. At the close of that struggle she located in Carbondale, Illinois, and subsequently became a resident of Centralia, Missouri, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Henry J. Seeley was very young when the family moved to Wisconsin and was only about six years old when he was taken by his mother back to Vermont, where he received his early education. In 1864, although at that time only fifteen years of age, he enlisted from Lafayette, Indiana, in the Tenth Indiana Light Artillery, for service in the Civil war. Even previous to this time he had attempted to join the army but was refused on account of his youth. The battery which he joined was a part of the army of the Cumberland and he served under Generals Sherman and Thomas. Not long after his enlistment he was transferred to the gunboat Stone River, which was doing patrol duty on the Tennessee river, but later he was with his battery at Fort Johnson, Huntsville, Alabama. After the close of the Rebellion the battery returned to Indiana and Mr. Seeley was mustered out in July, 1865. He then went to Carbondale, Illinois, where he taught school until the fall of 1867, when he came east to go back into the class-room himself and to prepare for more efficient work as a teacher. He entered the Essex Classical Institute at Essex, Vermont, and then taught school at Rome, New York, for a year. Mr. Seeley next became connected with the state hospital at Worcester, Massachusetts, in order to earn funds to enable him to continue his school training, and while there he acquired a knowledge of the baking business. Subsequently he entered the North Bridgewater (Mass.) Normal School for a special course, desiring to fit himself as well as possible for his work. Having an inclination, however, to the baking trade, he made his way to New Haven early in 1870 and for a short period was employed in a baking establishment and then in the same capacity for one year in the state hospital at Middletown, Connecticut. In 1871 he came to Bridgeport and sought a position with the Lawrence photographic studio, where he found the work so congenial and discharged his duties so satis-

factorily that within a few months he felt that he was ready to enter the business on his own account. On the 1st of May, 1872, he opened an art portrait studio, at 922 Main street, in a building which he subsequently purchased and in which he conducted a portrait studio for fifty-five years. The Seeley Studio Company established an almost international reputation for its products. The prestige Mr. Seeley gained in his chosen line was the result of a thorough understanding of its technical points, a realization of the importance of artistic considerations in such work and the following of businesslike methods. As the years passed his resources increased and he became financially independent.

Colonel Seeley has been twice married. His first wife, who in her maidenhood was Lucy Button of East Haddam, Connecticut, passed away leaving one son, Wilbur N., who resides in Bridgeport. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Ella D. Carr and was a native of New York city, died in 1917. By this marriage there were born two children: Mabel Ella, who is the wife of Frederick A. Marsh of Easton, Connecticut; and Henry Arthur, a graduate of Cornell University, who is engaged in the structural steel business in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Seeley endorses the policies of the republican party but at local elections votes for the men best qualified to fill the offices in question without regard to their political affiliations. He is one of the most widely known men in the country in Grand Army circles, as for half a century he has been active in that order. He holds membership in Elias Howe, Jr., Post, No. 3, of Bridgeport, of which he has served as commander, and he has a number of times been called to office in the state and national organizations of the order. In 1912 he was assistant adjutant general of the Department of Connecticut, which office he held for two years, for one year was assistant quartermaster general, and in 1913 was honored by election as adjutant general of the national body at a reunion held in Los Angeles, California. He was one of the most active officers that ever served and made the unusual record of visiting on official business all of the states of the Union except two during his term of office. He was department commander of the Department of Connecticut in 1917 and is now chairman of the council of administration of the Department of Connecticut. When Colonel Seeley was department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Connecticut

he and the department acquired national fame during the two hundredth anniversary Yale pageant which took place on October 21, 1916, in the Yale Bowl. The pageant directors had requested him to aid in reproducing the ceremonies of Civil war days, when the body of Major Theodore Winthrop, first Yale soldier to be killed in action in this war, was returned to the Union forces by the Confederates. His body at the close of the battle of Big Bethel was inside the Confederate lines and General Butler, the Union commander, had requested its return. To reproduce these ceremonies required the recruiting and drilling of two hundred and fifty Civil war veterans from the various posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in the state. Colonel Seeley, assisted by the then junior vice commander of the department, Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney of New Haven, worked untiringly in drilling the veterans for this unique event, and the ceremonies were notably well performed in the presence of a large and deeply impressed audience, with all the military formalities in vogue during the war of the rebellion. Colonel Seeley and the department received letters of warm commendation from Anson Phelps Stokes, then secretary of Yale, and Francis H. Markoe, master of the pageant. The event created much general interest throughout the country. In 1919 Colonel Seeley was appointed commandant at Fitch's Home for Soldiers at Noroton Heights and fulfilled his duties in the interests of soldiers and state for eight years, resigning this post on October 1, 1927. In his years of service to the home he established conditions at the celebrated institution which made it second to none among the forty-two veterans' homes in the United States.

He is also prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Corinthian Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, K. T.; Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In the Senior Order of United American Mechanics he is likewise well known, having held state and national offices in the order as well as having filled all the chairs in Waldemere Council, No. 6, of Bridgeport, of which he was the only surviving charter member at the time of its dissolution. He now affiliates with Uncas Council of that order. He has been a member of

Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, I. O. O. F., for fifty-four years and is vice chief veteran of the Odd Fellows Veteran Association. He also holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution in both state and local chapters and is secretary and treasurer of the 49 Club. His has been indeed a successful life, as he has gained material prosperity, has served with honor in important positions of trust and has won the sincere respect and the warm regard of those who have been intimately associated with him.

CHARLES QUINTARD HOYT

One of the oldest and best known families of Stamford is that of Hoyt, of which Charles Quintard Hoyt is a worthy representative. For over two hundred and fifty years the family has resided in this city and during this period its members have been actively identified with its various interests, contributing their full part to the development and progress of the community. The progenitor of the family in this country was Simon Hoyt, who was a native of England and settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1628, where he followed the vocation of farming. He was the father of Benjamin Hoyt, Sr., who was born in Windsor, Connecticut, February 2, 1644, and died in Stamford, January 26, 1735, or 1736, at the age of ninety-one years. He married Miss Hannah Weed, who died November 9, 1711, and they became the parents of Benjamin Hoyt, Jr., who was born in Stamford, December 9, 1671, and died in this town in 1747. He was a farmer and served for four years as a selectman of Stamford. He married Miss Elizabeth Jagger and among their children was David Hoyt, who was born in Stamford, June 23, 1702, and died here in 1761 or 1762. He married Miss Hannah Hoyt, who was a native and lifelong resident of Stamford, and they became the parents of John Hoyt, who was born in Stamford, December 29, 1732, and died here, September 10, 1809. He followed agricultural pursuits and was a member of the Congregational church. He married Miss Jemima Holly, who was born in Stamford in 1739 and died November 11, 1825. Their son Henry was born in Stamford, May 11, 1776, and died here, December 19, 1854. He devoted his efforts to farming, gave his political support to the whig party

and was a deacon in the Congregational church. He married Miss Betsy Waterbury, who was a native of Stamford and died here, March 27, 1855, and they became the parents of James H. Hoyt, the father of Charles Quintard Hoyt.

James H. Hoyt was born in Stamford, July 25, 1823, and died here, January 19, 1912. He was a contractor and builder, being one of the pioneers in this business in Stamford, and he erected many of its best residences and business houses in his day. He was a stanch republican in his political views and was an active member of the Congregational church, in the choir of which he sang. He was married to Miss Hannah Elizabeth Smith, who was also descended from an old American family, which was founded in this country by Henry Smith, who was born in England in 1619, settled in Massachusetts in about 1635 and moved to Stamford in 1641, being one of the first settlers of Connecticut, and one of the first twenty settlers of Stamford. His death occurred here in 1687. He was the father of John Smith, who died November 3, 1711, and who was the father of John Smith, who was born about 1680 and died September 7, 1724. The latter married Miss Phoebe Green and they became the parents of Ezekiel Smith, Sr., who was born in Stamford in 1710 and died here in 1772. He married Miss Martha Holly and to them was born Ezekiel Smith, Jr., in about 1757. He was a farmer by vocation, and a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church. He was married October 3, 1778, to Miss Sarah Morehouse, who was born in Greenwich, Connecticut. She died in Stamford, October 26, 1787, and he died September 4, 1813. They became the parents of Captain Peter Smith, who was born in Stamford, August 4, 1785, and died here in 1855. He was a farmer, voted the whig ticket and was a member of St. John's Episcopal church. He was probably a captain in the militia. He married Miss Hannah Elizabeth Quintard, who was born in Stamford, July 3, 1802, and died here in 1824, and they became the parents of a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, who was the wife of James H. Hoyt. She was born in Stamford, February 29, 1824, and died here April 15, 1900.

Charles Q. Hoyt has a brother and two sisters, namely: Edward S., who is assistant manager of the Murray Hill Hotel, New York city; Elizabeth, who resides with her brother in Stam-

ford; and Georgeanna, the wife of Frank Scofield, who is connected with the Stamford Advocate. They have a daughter, Miriam E., who graduated from the Stamford high school in 1928.

Charles Q. Hoyt was born in Stamford on the 25th of August, 1868, and received his educational training in the public schools of this city. He entered the employ of the Continental Insurance Company of New York city as a clerk, remaining with that organization for twelve years, after which he was for twenty-five years with the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company as one of its underwriters. In 1921 Mr. Hoyt engaged in the insurance brokerage business on his own account, with offices in New York and Brooklyn, and has carried this on successfully to the present time. Later he opened a real estate and insurance office in Stamford, where he now maintains his main office, and here has built up a large clientele.

Mr. Hoyt gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church. He has at all times stood ready to cooperate with his fellow citizens in the advancement of measures for the promotion of the public welfare and is regarded as one of Stamford's solid and substantial citizens, well worthy of the respect and esteem in which he is uniformly held.

MICHAEL THOMAS CUFF

One of Danbury's successful business men and foremost citizens is Michael T. Cuff, president of the Cuff Hat Company, which he established two decades ago. He has proven a farseeing business man and in civic affairs has not been found wanting, so that he holds a high place in public esteem.

Mr. Cuff was born in Putnam county, New York, June 5, 1858, and is a son of John and Alice (Rogers) Cuff, both of whom were natives of Ireland. When he was but an infant, the family moved to Danbury, where he was reared. He attended the public schools to the age of twelve years, when he went to work in a hat factory. In 1878, at the age of twenty years, he completed his apprenticeship in the hat factory of E. A. Mallory & Sons, after

which he was employed for five years in the factory of the Tweedy Manufacturing Company. He then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the making department of the John B. Stetson Company, and during the year he remained there he became intimately acquainted with Mr. Stetson.

On May 1, 1882, Mr. Cuff became a member of the firm of Murphy & Cuff and engaged in the manufacture of ladies' beaver hats at 1166 Germantown avenue, Philadelphia, but later he retired from that business and, returning to Danbury, went to work as a maker for the firm of Meath & McGarrigle, with whom he remained for one year. In 1884 he went to Elizabeth, New Jersey, as superintendent for the George B. Wheeler Company and three years later went to the Singer Manufacturing Company, with which concern he spent a year. While there he was identified with the Drakes Veteran Zouaves Band. Returning to Danbury in 1887, he took a position as superintendent for Davenport & Von Gal, afterwards Hawes & Von Gal, with which firm he continued until 1909. In that year he established the Cuff Hat Company, in Bethel, Connecticut, manufacturing ladies' and men's hats in the rough. This proved a successful venture and in 1914 he moved the plant to Danbury, where he is now operating a large plant.

Mr. Cuff was married in 1880 to Miss Nora Fay, of New York, and to them were born nine children, of whom four are living, namely: Alice M., the wife of John A. De Fine, of Danbury; John F., who is foreman of his father's hat factory; Sister M. Amadeus, of St. Francis Orphan Asylum of New Haven, Connecticut; and Mary, who is a trained nurse in New York city. The wife and mother passed away in 1899, and in 1902 Mr. Cuff was again married, his second union being with Miss May A. Carberry, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Cuff is a stanch democrat in his political views and has long been active in party affairs. He represented the twenty-fourth district on the democratic state central committee for six years and has been a delegate to two national conventions, the one in Kansas City in 1900 and in New York in 1924. He rendered effective service as a member of the town school committee for five years, as a member of the common council for two years and as a member of the board of aldermen for eight years, during

four of which he was president of the board. He is a devout Catholic, a member of St. Peter's church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. His career has been marked by a close adherence to those principles which make for good government and the betterment of society, and throughout the community where he has spent the best years of his life he commands the unequivocal confidence and respect of the people, who appreciate his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

LLEWELLYN BROMFIELD, JR.

As a civil engineer Llewellyn Bromfield, Jr., has been intimately associated with important development projects in Stamford, which has directly benefited by his professional ability and activities, and as an accomplished musician he has furthered its advancement along cultural lines. He was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, August 6, 1889, and is a son of Dr. Llewellyn and Etta Hortense (Taylor) Bromfield. The grandfather, Rev. Edward Thomas Bromfield, was a native of Wales and a graduate of Oxford. He became a Presbyterian minister but his pastoral duties were secondary in importance to his work as a religious writer. His literary talents were of a high order and at various times he was editor of the Toronto Globe, North American Review and New York Times. He was also a Shakespearean scholar of note and wrote a synopsis of Shakespeare's plays. He married a Miss Musgrave, who was a native of England and passed away in Glenbrook, Connecticut. The demise of Rev. Edward T. Bromfield occurred in Brooklyn, New York, and both he and his wife were buried in the family cemetery at Hempstead, Long Island.

Their son, Dr. Llewellyn Bromfield, was born in London, England, September 10, 1865, came to Stamford in 1880 and is now a well known chiropractor of Stamford, maintaining an office at No. 1 Bank street. He became a charter member of the original Company C of Stamford and is one of the few surviving members of that organization. He adheres to the political views of his father, casting his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, and is affiliated with the Union church. His wife was born in Ridgefield, November 11, 1866, and her parents were Joseph

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and Jane L. (Frisbie) Taylor. Her grandfather, Davis Taylor, was born in Fairfield county, Connecticut, and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, passing away at Redding, this state. Joseph Taylor was born in Redding and engaged in the milling business. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was a member of the Masonic order. For a number of years he lived in Glenbrook, Connecticut, and there passed away. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania and died in Varden, that state.

Llewellyn Bromfield, Jr., attended the public schools of Stamford and afterward learned surveying under Paul Nash, for whom he worked for three years. Starting as chain carrier, he was rapidly advanced and eventually became chief of the party. For a year he was transitman for W. B. Pierce and in 1910 began his career as a civil engineer in Stamford, where he has since been located. His office and blue print establishment are situated in the Spelke building at No. 434 Main street and the extent and importance of his business indicates his ability and professional prestige. A talented musician, he enjoys an enviable reputation as a pianist and has also become well known as an orchestra conductor.

Mr. Bromfield was married March 26, 1913, in Darien, Connecticut, to Miss Elizabeth May Skelton, who was born in the state of Maine in 1892 and died in Glenbrook, Connecticut, October 22, 1918. Her parents, Richard F. and Eleanor (Savage) Skelton, were residents of Noroton Heights, Connecticut, and have also passed away. On June 21, 1926, Mr. Bromfield was married in Stamford to Miss Eva V. Poakeart, who was born in Harrison, New York, January 8, 1904, and attended St. John's parochial school and the Stamford high school. She also completed a course in the Lee Business College and previous to her marriage was private secretary to Mr. Bromfield. She is a daughter of Edward D. and Helen Poakeart, who were born in the state of New York. They reside in Stamford and Mr. Poakeart is connected with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and supports the candidates of the republican party. By his first marriage Mr. Bromfield has three children: Llewellyn (III), who was born March 15, 1914; Richard Edward, born July 24,

1915; and Eleanor B., born February 22, 1917. The children of the second union are: Robert Joseph, who was born April 19, 1927; and Eva Helen, born June 22, 1928.

Mr. Bromfield is a republican of independent views, voting for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office. He is a member of the town planning commission and active in the extension of Broad street. During the World war he offered his aid to his country but was not called upon for active military duty. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Union Lodge, No. 5, of the Masonic order and Puritan Lodge, No. 43, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the latter lodge he has filled every office and is grand herald of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut Odd Fellows, figuring prominently in the affairs of the order. He belongs to the Stamford Chamber of Commerce and is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Bromfield has a high conception of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship and has demonstrated his public spirit by actual achievements for the general good. His activities have touched life at many points and his career, much as it holds of accomplishment, is still rich in promise, for he has not yet reached the zenith of his powers. In manner he is frank, cordial and unassuming and a wide circle of steadfast friends attests his personal popularity.

REV. DENIS P. HURLEY

Among the learned, capable and popular clergymen of Fairfield county, one of the best known is Rev. Denis P. Hurley, pastor of the important parish of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in South Norwalk, where he has served for eight years. St. Joseph's parish has been a separate organization since September 1, 1895, when it was formed by cutting off the southern portion of St. Mary's parish of Norwalk. It comprises all of South Norwalk and extends north as far as Cedar street.

The first pastor of the new congregation was the Rev. John Winters, who celebrated his first mass in the new parish in Music Hall on South Main street, September 8, 1895, this hall having been obtained for church purposes at a rental of five hundred dol-

lars a year. At that time the parish comprised twelve hundred Irish people, two hundred Hungarians and one hundred Italians, and the parish began its career with seventeen hundred and fifty dollars in the treasury, the gift of the Rev. W. J. Slocum.

In October, 1896, work was begun on the erection of a church building, the cornerstone of which was laid on Sunday, April 4, 1897, by Bishop Tierney, in the presence of eight thousand people. The sermon was preached by the Rev. William Maher, D.D., of Milford, Connecticut. The parish possesses a very valuable property, well located on South Main street, where two adjoining tracts were purchased, the one serving as a church site, the other for a rectory. The building which stood on the rectory site was remodeled and made into a spacious and well arranged pastoral residence, while the house which stood on the other site was removed to make way for the church. The rectory property originally cost the parish six thousand dollars and the church lot, with building, four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. The church edifice, built of brick and of an attractive and substantial architectural style, has served well its purpose and has been maintained in the best of condition, being an ornament to that section of the city. During the period of 1896 and 1897 there were one hundred and sixty-six baptisms in the parish, the first baptism having been that of Helen Kindilien, while the marriages numbered thirty-two, the first nuptial solemnization having been that of John Kennedy and Mary Lynch. Father Winters served St. Joseph's parish until the week after Easter Sunday, 1899, when he was transferred to the newly organized parish of the Immaculate Conception, at Hartford, at which time he was succeeded at St. Joseph's by the Rev. William Maher, D. D., formerly of Milford.

Rev. Denis P. Hurley, who became pastor of St. Joseph's parish in 1920, was born in Maryland in 1864, and is a son of Timothy and Catherine (Donovan) Hurley, natives of Ireland, both of whom are deceased. He was a student at St. Charles College in his native state; Niagara University at Niagara Falls, New York, and the Grand Seminary at Montreal, Canada. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. John's Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1892, and his first appointment was to St. Rose's parish at Meriden, Connecticut. From there he went to

Sacred Heart church in Bridgeport, serving afterward at St. Patrick's church in Hartford, and then became pastor of St. Mary's church in East Hartford, where he ministered for thirteen years, or until 1920, when he came to St. Joseph's parish. A man of strong and forceful character, thorough education and intense devotion to his life work, he has made a deep and lasting impression on the parish of which he is the spiritual head, and throughout the community he is recognized as a man of tremendous influence for good. He is an effective preacher, an earnest pastor and a constant and loyal friend, and no citizen of this community stands higher in public regard than he, being popular with all classes, regardless of creed or profession.

FRANK E. SQUIRES

In civic affairs of Bridgeport, Frank E. Squires has long figured prominently, doing notable work as superintendent of bridges and in other connections, and represents that class of men to whom personal gain is but one aim in many, secondary in importance to public growth and development and lower in value than many other elements which go to make up the sum total of human existence. A native of this city, he was born April 22, 1868, and a son of Edgar and Juliet Elizabeth (Williams) Squires, representatives of old and highly respected families of Connecticut. While living in Bridgeport the father was appointed sealer of weights and measures, filling the office for many years. He was called to his final rest July 4, 1916.

Frank E. Squires received a public school education and his initial experience along commercial lines was gained with the I. W. Birdsey Corset Company of Bridgeport, with which he spent five years. He next entered the employ of the John S. Fray Company in the capacity of shipping clerk and remained with the firm for twenty-two years. He resigned to accept the position of foreman in the street cleaning department of the city, working under Tom Cunningham, superintendent of streets, and Clifford B. Wilson, mayor. Mr. Squires acted as foreman for three years, afterward becoming a member of the board of education, with which he was connected for two years, and since 1923 has been

superintendent of bridges. His work has been marked by enthusiasm, efficiency and an infinite capacity for taking pains, and the reputation that results from duty well and faithfully performed is his just reward. For five years he has had charge of this department and the Yellow Mill bridge, the last word in bridge construction, was started and completed under his direction.

In 1889 Mr. Squires was united in marriage to Miss Adella F. Smith of Bridgeport, and eight children were born to them, namely: Charles E., chief accountant of the American Hardware Company of Bridgeport; Bessie May, the wife of Sanford Robinson, an electrician in the service of Steinert & Company of this city; Harold F., who is in the employ of the Bridgeport Brass Company; Russell R., who is connected with the accounting department of that company and who married Miss Iva Banks of Bridgeport; Mildred A., the wife of Frederick Holden, who is identified with the local telephone company; Clifford, who married Miss Mabel Eastwood of Bridgeport and is a city employe; and Edward and Wilbur, who are in the service of the Bridgeport Brass Company.

Mr. Squires is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Shepherds of Bethlehem. For fourteen years he has served on the town committee and is now chairman of the tenth district. He has exerted a strong force for good in his city and enjoys to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

FRANCIS J. BRENNAN

After a number of years spent in industrial circles as an employe of others Francis J. Brennan established business on his own account in 1921 under the name of the Brennan Stone Company of Bridgeport. His previous experience, his laudable ambition and his sound judgment have carried him steadily forward and success has attended the undertaking, which now has two trade centers, a second plant having been established at Hartford.

Throughout the greater part of his life, however, Mr. Brennan has made his home in Bridgeport, where his birth occurred June 7, 1884, his parents, Peter T. and Julia (Sheridan) Brennan, being also natives of this city. The grandfather, Patrick

Brennan, was born in Ireland but in 1846 established his home in Bridgeport, where he spent his remaining days.

Francis J. Brennan was a pupil in the public schools of Bridgeport and continued his studies in the night school of the Young Men's Christian Association, which he attended for several years, specializing in mathematics and in debating. He kept himself physically fit by his gymnasium work and for two years he was a member of the cross country running team. He was also made president of the debating class and was a member of the debating team that toured the Connecticut cities, taking part in many contests. Starting out in the business world, he obtained employment at the Bridgeport Boiler Works and was afterward with the Jackson Stone Company. In 1903 he went to New York city, where he was employed until 1907, when he returned to Bridgeport to become manager for the Jackson Stone Company, a position of responsibility which he acceptably filled until 1921, when he resigned to establish an independent business. He organized the Brennan Stone Company of Bridgeport, of which he has since been president, and it was not long before he had placed the business upon a substantial basis and enlarged the scope of his activities by opening a second plant in Hartford in 1923. During the eight years in which the Brennan Stone Company has been in existence it has won leadership in its line of trade in the state of Connecticut and its work is seen in many of the fine buildings not only throughout this state but in New York as well. Mr. Brennan is today regarded as a forceful factor in industrial circles and he has likewise entered the financial field as a director of the North End Bank & Trust Company.

In 1907 Mr. Brennan was married to Miss Ruby M. Goodrich, of Meriden, Connecticut, a daughter of Frank Goodrich, a prosperous business man of that city. They have become parents of three children: Ruby Francis, who is named for her father and mother; Dorothy; and Francis Gregory, who bears the name of his father and an aunt.

Mr. Brennan is a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. He is now a past grand knight of Park City Council, Knights of Columbus, and he is a past presi-

dent of the Kiwanis Luncheon Club and ex-commissioner of the Bridgeport fire department, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bridgeport and a member of the Boy Scouts council. He is likewise serving on the board of governors of the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport and the Mill River Country Club and on the board of directors of the Junior College of Connecticut.

WALTER WARD GARRITY

Trained in that rigorous school which develops strong, self-reliant manhood, Walter Ward Garrity has made his own way in the world from the age of fourteen, proving what may be accomplished when effort and ambition combine. He was Bridgeport's efficient city comptroller and has devoted much of his life to public service. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, January 25, 1899, a son of William J. and Mary (Ward) Garrity, who were natives of Connecticut and died when he was a child. The grandfather, John Garrity, was a native of Ireland and left that country in his youth, seeking his fortune in the United States.

The educational advantages of Walter W. Garrity were limited to attendance at the Sacred Heart parochial school in Bridgeport and in 1913 he began his struggle for a livelihood. While working for the old Bridgeport Standard, a newspaper which has since passed out of existence, he took a course in the Bridgeport Business College and after his graduation became a stenographer in the office of the Bridgeport Brass Company, with which he spent about nine months. All during the early years of his career he was an industrious student, spending every spare moment with his books on finance and accounting. A hard worker and ambitious, he came to the attention of the late John T. King, who formed a liking for the young man and was instrumental in having him named clerk of the board of charities in 1916. For about four months he was a clerk in the department of public charities and was then transferred to the office of the board of contracts and supplies. In November, 1917, he accepted a position in the office of the city auditor, afterward that of the city comptroller, filling the place of his brother, William J. Garrity, who went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces,

and on April 1, 1918, was appointed deputy city auditor. In April, 1925, he was appointed city auditor, succeeding Bernard Keating, deceased, who had been retained in that capacity for forty-two years, and in 1927 the title of the office was changed from city auditor to comptroller. Mr. Garrity was connected with this department for eleven years and has been in the service of the city for a period of twelve years. At all times he discharged his duties with thoroughness and fidelity and his work has been highly commended. On January 1, 1929, Mr. Garrity retired from public life to engage in business and is now connected with a firm of stock brokers, with offices in New York.

Mr. Garrity was married November 29, 1923, to Miss Mary Bannon, of Bridgeport, and they have three sons: John King, Walter Ward, Jr., and Joseph Leo. The family reside at 95 Anson street and are adherents of the Roman Catholic faith. Mr. Garrity is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and Bridgeport Lodge, No. 36, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a young man of exceptional worth and has a wide circle of steadfast friends in the city in which practically his entire life has been spent.

EMILE HEMMING

As the executive head of The Central Fairfield Trust Company, Emile Hemming occupies a central place on the stage of activity in Norwalk, manifesting an unselfish devotion to the general good of the town through his activities in public service. As a member of the Connecticut state legislature, through his comprehensive knowledge of financial affairs, supplemented by executive ability and mature judgment, he became chairman of the house on the banking committee, taking a very active part in the session of the legislature in Hartford.

Mr. Hemming is a republican in his political convictions, a member of the republican town committee, and a member of the board of public safety, in charge of the police department. He was unanimously elected president of the Norwalk Board of Trade, and so occupies a public service distinction.

As a native of Switzerland, born in 1883, he acquired his

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school and college education in his native country, entering into the banking profession in Switzerland and acquiring a thorough banking training, for which the banks in Switzerland have become internationally prominent.

Along fraternal lines, Mr. Hemming is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of Salaam Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Swiss Scientific Society, New York, having founded that organization and having been president of same for the first two years. He is also a member of the New York Athletic Club and Shorehaven Golf Club of Norwalk.

BENJAMIN T. HARRIS

There are certain individuals of whom it is impossible to speak save in the language of eulogy, and of this type was Benjamin T. Harris, a Stamford business man who achieved prominence as a city builder, a field in which he excelled. He was noted for his high sense of honor, his fidelity to the ties of home and friendship, his public-spirited devotion to the general good, and the moral force of his character entered into the very fiber of the city's life.

A native of Kiev, Russia, Mr. Harris was reared and educated in that country and came to the United States with his parents when a youth of about sixteen. For a time he lived with the family in New York city and then migrated to Connecticut, locating in South Norwalk, here he embarked in business as a dealer in coal and wood late in the '90s. The venture proved disastrous and he was unable to meet his obligations. Securing a loan of four hundred dollars, he came to Stamford to make a fresh start and arrived here at the time the old city hall was destroyed by fire. Using the four hundred dollars as part payment, he purchased all of the bricks in the old building and began the erection of a business block practically without capital. Afterward he constructed other buildings of a similar type, using some of this old material, and a number of the large office structures on Main street today have hundreds of these bricks in them. Mr. Harris prospered in his undertakings and by 1910, four years after his arrival in Stamford, had paid all of his creditors one hundred cents on the dollar as well as the accrued interest.

A six-family dwelling house was one of his early ventures as a builder and among the large public and civic buildings erected under his supervision are the Stamford high school, the building occupied by the Stamford Water Company, the structure which houses the business of the Stamford Trust Company, Stamford Hospital, Holy Name church, the Memorial Chapel in Glenbrook, the Lorraine Hotel in Bridgeport and the Coscob school. He also erected numerous buildings for Dr. Amos Givens, head of the Stamford Hall Sanitarium, and was regarded as one of the foremost contractors in this part of the state. His business was first conducted under the style of the Harris Construction Company and later the name was changed to the B. T. Harris Corporation, of which he was president. Looking far into the future, he was the first to visualize Atlantic street in Stamford as a business section. He brought about its development and his company acquired much of the property along this thoroughfare. Purchasing several tracts of land, the Harris Corporation converted them into desirable residential sections, and of these Shippan Mall at Shippan Point is one of the most attractive. When Stamford wanted wooden paving, Mr. Harris was awarded the contract and although he had never before handled a job of that kind, he performed his work so well that the pavement on Main street is still in good condition. He had an exceptional store of energy, was most thorough and conscientious in everything that he undertook, and never failed to obtain the desired result. Mr. Harris had an intimate knowledge of the worth of all realty in this locality and was endowed with rare judgment as well as executive ability of a high order.

In 1896 Mr. Harris married Miss Minnie Savage, daughter of Abraham and Lena Savage, of New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Harris became the parents of three daughters: Betty, Rose and Thelma.

Although Mr. Harris never held nor sought public office, he exerted a strong influence in local politics and his indorsement was sought by many candidates for municipal office. His support was given only to those men whom he considered worthy of public trust and confidence. For many years he had been a stanch republican but when the late President Roosevelt organized the Bull Moose party Mr. Harris did all in his power to promote its

growth in Stamford. Mounted on a spirited white horse, he led the progressive parade and was perhaps the most forceful political figure in Stamford during that year.

One of the high spots in the life of Mr. Harris was his trip around the world in 1924. He sailed from San Francisco to Yokohama, Japan, visiting Honolulu en route, and made a tour of the principal cities in the "Flowery kingdom," learning much concerning its inhabitants. He barely escaped the second earthquake, which occurred eight hours after he sailed, and his first tidings of it were received from a Shanghai paper. After a brief stay in Hongkong he visited Canton and other cities in China. Visits to Singapore, Penang and Colombo were made on his way to Egypt. He went via the Suez canal to Port Said and from there to Cairo, which he found a highly interesting city because of its treasures of antiquity, its palaces and mosques. He also made a trip to Luxor and went from Cairo to Palestine. After seeing Jerusalem he spent five days in motoring through Palestine and later saw all the historic places in and near Paris before going to Cherbourg, where he boarded the Olympic for New York.

Mr. Harris was identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Stamford Hebrew Institute. During the World war he was a member of Company E of the Home Guard and furthered the success of the various drives instituted by the government at that time. He was a friend of the poor and a liberal donor to local and other charities, one of his last contributions being to the Stamford High School Athletic Association. Mr. Harris was active in raising funds for Stamford and was always ready to serve his city when needed. His most recent public work was the sale of a large tract of land in the city for park purposes. In this connection he showed a willingness to give and take that made it comparatively easy for the city officials to come to a quick agreement with him. His humor was as delightful as it was infectious and no social gathering in Stamford was complete without him. Owing to his genial, sympathetic nature his companionship was eagerly sought and among his intimate friends was Gutzum Borglum, the noted sculptor. Mr. Harris was a keen sportsman and an enthusiastic disciple of Izaak Walton.

In company with some friends, he went to Lake Tonnetta on

a fishing trip. The rowboat in which Mr. Harris was seated capsized and he was drowned. The tragedy occurred September 22, 1927, when he was fifty-seven years of age, and his untimely death was mourned throughout Stamford and the entire vicinity. Flags on the public buildings of the city were lowered at half-mast. Men and women from every walk of life attended the funeral, which was one of the largest ever held in Stamford, and his remains were interred in the Temple Beth-El cemetery on Westover road.

He was independent in thought and action, democratic in his manners and in his mental and spiritual make-up, and was richly endowed with those qualities which men most admire. Shortly after the funeral his business associates adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas in the untimely and sudden death of its founder and president the B. T. Harris Corporation has sustained a great loss and

"Whereas Benjamin Harris through untiring zeal, his personality, his business acumen, has organized, developed and so successfully guided the affairs of this corporation for over a quarter of a century to an enviable position in the field, and

"Whereas the death of Mr. Harris has caused the loss to Stamford of one of its best known and well liked citizens, a man who believed in Stamford and perhaps did more than anyone else in building up Stamford, and

"Whereas his loss will be keenly felt not only by his family and friends, members of this organization, but by the entire community as well,

"Be it now therefore resolved that we, the board of directors of the B. T. Harris Corporation, hereby duly assembled desire to express our great grief at the passing of our president and friend and to express to the widow and family of Mr. Harris our deepest sympathy and condolence."

The following tribute was paid by Mayor Phillips: "I feel impelled to pause in the midst of a busy day to express a few words at the passing of Benjamin Harris. * * * In the passing of Benjamin Harris, Stamford has lost one of its ablest citizens, a man of tremendous driving power in getting things done and one who has done much to make our city the progressive and

growing city which it is. Those who knew Mr. Harris will miss his genial manner and his fun-loving nature."

On September 23, 1928, a monument to the memory of Benjamin Harris was unveiled at the Beth-El cemetery. Men and women from all walks of life gathered together on that day to render tribute to the husband, father, friend and citizen. Edward N. Fast, one of Mr. Harris' closest friends, delivered the followlowing eulogy: "We are met upon this occasion to do honor to the memory of a man we know, and knowing, loved. For years he walked among us, numbering his friends by the hundreds, his acquaintances by thousands. I knew him intimately and loved him dearly. Would I had the tongue of men and of angels that I might render proper praise to the man, the citizen, the father, and to the friend. He loved humanity with a broad and sincere affection that asked for nothing and in return gave much. His rare gift for friendship drew thousands too close to call him Mr. Harris and to them he became 'Benny.' None but the great of soul can bear a boyhood name up through manhood with dignity. This Mr. Harris did. To those who knew him best, and therefore loved him best, 'Benny' became a name of endearment and affection; others used it as a term of admiration and respect.

"What were the qualities of character in the immigrant boy and young man who left the broad plains of his native land to try his fortune across the seas in far off America? Look upon him as he was:—A lad bubbling over with high spirit, vigor and good humor; kindness, tenderness and gentleness aglow in his heart; courage and frankness shining from level gazing eyes; laughter ringing in his voice, smiles upon his lips, good health upon his cheek. The ancient gods beholding would have exclaimed, 'there stands a man,' would have marked him for their own and vied to crown him one of them. Little did he know as he approached our western world with high hope of favor to be shown that he carried within himself all the necessary assets for success.

"How well we now know that this poor immigrant boy came bearing rare gifts to the land he sought. That he came to us was our good fortune, for he would have won success in any country and in any clime. Two events stand prominently forth in his early career. He met and made a noble woman his wife, a worthy help-

mate down through the years. To this I can testify, as can each of you who know Mrs. Harris. But infinitely greater than our testimony, stands the testimony of our departed friend from whose lips I often heard such words of praise, the memory of which descends today like a benediction from on high. The other event was that the hand of Providence guided him to Stamford, this city that owes him much, for here he grew to the full stature of manhood and achieved a success that left a beneficent imprint upon this community. Look where you will—physical reminders of Benny Harris will greet you—a school, a hospital, a bank, beautiful homes, block upon block of business property; municipal buildings and clubs grew under his touch, monuments to his skill and vision. But greater than these—more lasting than marble or stone—enduring while life shall endure, are the unseen tablets erected in the hearts of men who were privileged to call him friend.

"His vision pierced the future clearly and accurately. He saw Stamford twenty years ago as she exists today. Therefore, he built surely—never by chance as it seemed to many. Decidedly and distinctly was he a man of action, a clear thinker. He was ever just. In the rough and tumble of life, he never asked for quarter though he often granted it. Generous to a fault, he bestowed with open hand with never a thought of reward. He lived intensely, he lived joyously day by day. Out of his own heart might have come these words:

If Fortune with a smiling face strew roses on our way,
When shall we stoop to pick them up?
Today, my friend, today.
But if she frown with face of love and talk of coming
sorrow,
When shall we grieve, if grieve we must?
Tomorrow, friend, tomorrow.

Such he was—laughter and sunshine. Benny Harris and manliness all were one. His courtesy and kindliness knew no bounds. Such deeds of his were numberless, always done with such fine instinctive tact as to greatly enhance their merit and effect. Possessed of a keen intellect that leaped to the heart and solution of a problem, is it to be wondered that a few years saw more accomplished on his part than scores of years would on the part of

us slower plodding mortals? Shall we wonder at, or should we mourn in passing? Is it too much to believe that a gracious God has taken him to serve in a wider sphere of usefulness? Ah, my friends, let us heed the lessons that his life has taught. As we gather here to participate in the dedication of this beautiful monument, that loving hands have raised, let us draw added inspiration from the soul of Benny Harris to face with greater courage the unfinished tasks that lie ahead. Having come thus far with him may we gain fresh hope and fortitude to finish well the little way we have to go, firm in the belief that soon our paths will merge again."

EDWARD WILLIAM TROY

Among the native sons of Newtown who have made for themselves a creditable place in business circles here is numbered Edward William Troy, who was born December 30, 1874. He is a son of Edward Troy, a native of Ireland, who was brought to Newtown when but three years of age. After reaching man's estate he turned his attention to the hotel business, in which he was here engaged for a half century. He married Margaret Keating and he died April 18, 1919, his wife surviving him only until August 14, 1920. Mr. Troy had served as a soldier of the Civil war, having joined the Connecticut volunteers as a member of the Third Independent Battery. He saw active duty at the front and he was afterward chosen the first commander of Newtown Post, G. A. R., thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old military comrades. He was equally loyal to the public welfare in times of peace and he served as a member of the state legislature in 1884 and 1885.

Edward William Troy supplemented his public school training by study in the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and when his textbooks were put aside he engaged in business by establishing the Troy Furniture Company. This he carried on in Newtown in conjunction with an undertaking business until 1916, when he purchased the Troy Hotel. At that date he disposed of the furniture business but retained the undertaking establishment, of which he is still proprietor, and in this connec-

tion a liberal patronage is accorded him. He is likewise a director of the Plastic Moulding Corporation of Newtown and is regarded as a sound, substantial business man who has the ability to correctly value opportunities and conditions relative to the lines in which he has engaged.

His political allegiance is given the democratic party and, like his father, he has been called to represent his district in the Connecticut general assembly, serving as state representative in 1904 and 1905, during which time he was a member of the public land committee. He gave thoughtful and earnest attention to all questions which came up for settlement and the result of his labors was satisfactory to his constituents. In his home community he has always enjoyed the respect and good will of his fellow townsmen and his worth as a business man and citizen is acknowledged by all among whom his life has been passed.

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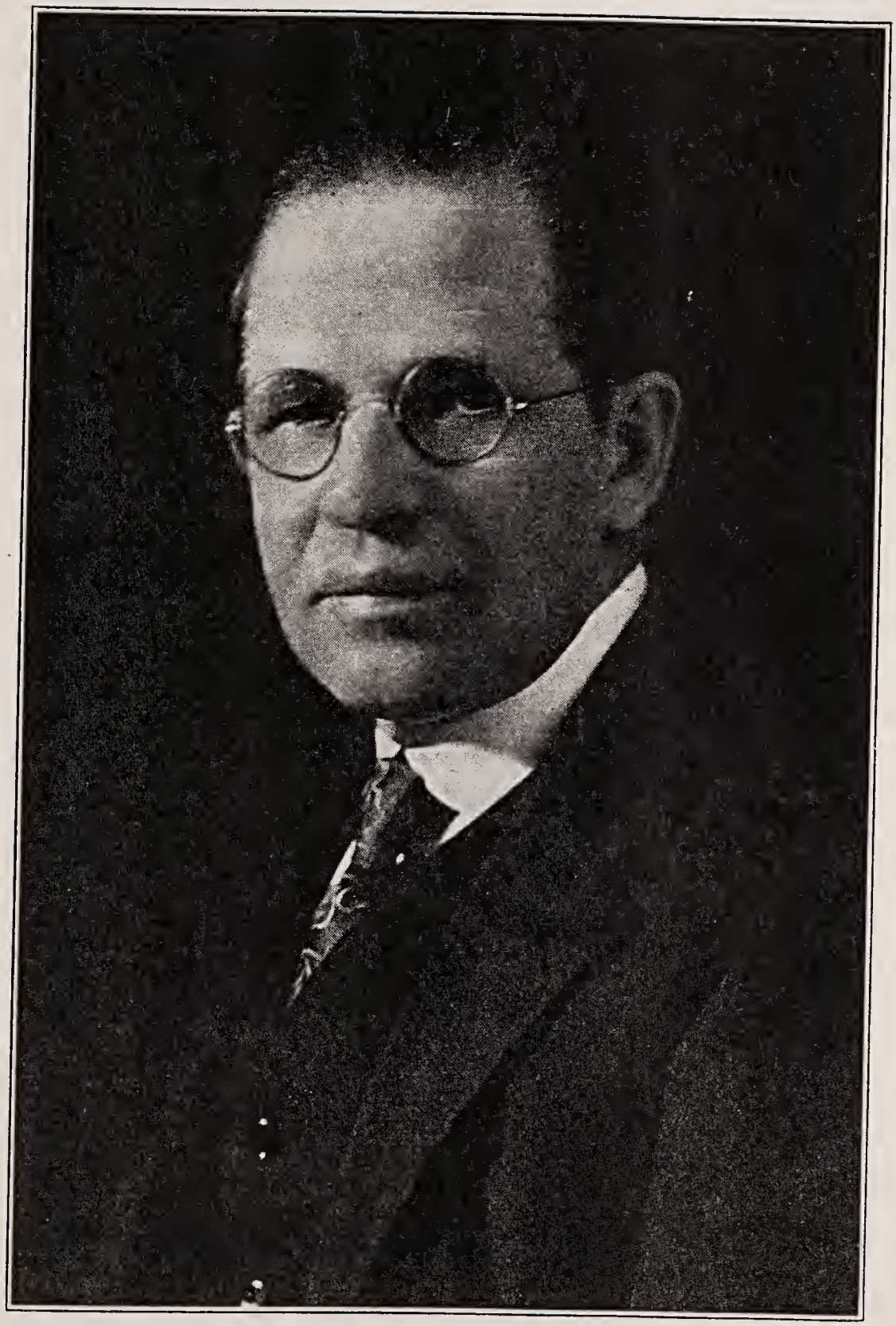
MOSELEY WILLIAMS MIX

Moseley W. Mix, vice president of the Excelsior Hardware Company, of Stamford, is one of this city's enterprising and progressive business men and is connected with one of its substantial and prosperous concerns. Mr. Mix was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 1st of May, 1877, a son of Elisha and Frances A. (Williams) Mix.

The Mix family is among the oldest in New England, and Elisha Mix carries in his veins also the blood of other colonial families, among them, Turner, Goodwin, Webster, Steele, Governor William Bradford and others. The spellings of the name of Mix have been many and varied. In the early records it is most commonly spelled Meekes.

(I) Thomas Meekes, now Mix, the ancestor of the family, believed to have been born in London, England, was a resident of New Haven, Connecticut, in 1634 and died in 1691, and is buried near the old green in the New Haven church burying ground. He married, six years later, Rebecca Turner, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Turner, who came with Governor Winthrop.

(II) John Mix, eldest son of Thomas and Rebecca (Turner) Meekes, was born in 1649, removed to Wallingford, Connecticut,



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in 1670, being the first of the name there, and died January 21, 1711-12. He married, before 1676, Elizabeth Heaton, born in 1650, died August 21, 1711.

(III) John Mix, eldest son of John (1) and Elizabeth (Heaton) Mix, was born August 25, 1676. He married (first) November 25, 1702, Sarah Thompson, born January 16, 1671, died November 21, 1711. He married (second) November 12, 1712, Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, who died in May, 1716. He married (third) February 14, 1717, Esther Peck.

(IV) Ebenezer Mix, son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Booth) Mix, was born in 1715-16, and died in West Hartford, Connecticut, August 4, 1766. He was a large landowner, and an active member of the Congregational church. He married Anna Goodwin, born in 1725, died in 1817, daughter of Isaac Goodwin (see Goodwin V). Ebenezer and Anna (Goodwin) Mix were the parents of John and Elisha Mix, both prominent men. The former, John Mix, was secretary of the Order of the Cincinnati, and with him were deposited the charter and funds of the Society when it was disbanded in 1804. He was an ensign and lieutenant in the Revolution. The second son was Elisha.

(V) Elisha Mix, son of Ebenezer and Anna (Goodwin) Mix, was born July 1, 1764, and died June 12, 1818. He was a corporal in the Revolutionary war, and a pensioner in 1818, the year he died. His widow received a pension until her death. Elisha Mix served in Captain Catlin's company, Fifth Regiment of the Connecticut Line, May 26, 1777, for eight months; enlisted from Goshen as corporal, August 14, 1777, for the war, in the Seventh Regiment of the Connecticut Line; "enlisted in Captain Baldwin's Company, January 1, 1781, paid to December 31, 1781." He also served as a corporal in Captain Bissell's company, "arrived in camp, June 23, 1778." Elisha Mix married Anna Webster, born in 1759, died January 27, 1842, daughter of Isaac Webster (see Webster V).

(VI) James Mix, son of Elisha and Anna (Webster) Mix, was born July 10, 1793. He was corporal in the War of 1812. He settled in Goshen, Connecticut. At one time he conducted a grocery store in Hartford, and he died in Terryville, Connecticut, in 1859. He married, December 8, 1814, Lucy Steele, born December 8, 1793, daughter of Allyn Steele.

(VII) General Elisha (2) Mix, son of James and Lucy

(Steele) Mix, was born November 17, 1818, in Watertown, Connecticut, and died October 8, 1898. He married, July 10, 1843, Amelia Edmonds, a native of Trowbridge, England, where she was born April 2, 1827. She died in November, 1916. He was one of the organizers of the New Haven Clock Company and later engaged in the lumber business at Allegan, Michigan. In 1862, he laid aside his business interests and raised a company of the Eighth Michigan Cavalry, with which he served for three years. He went out as the captain of his company and, because of his ability and valor, received successive promotions to major, lieutenant colonel and colonel, and on March 19, 1865, he was brevetted a brigadier general. He had a remarkable war record, having participated in fifty-two engagements. His wife was born in Trowbridge, England, April 2, 1827, and died in Michigan in November, 1916.

(I) Ozias Goodwin, from whom Moseley W. Mix is descended, was born in 1596 and died in 1683. It is not known just when he came to New England, but he was a resident of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1639. He was one of those who agreed to remove to Hatfield, although he did not go himself. He married Mary Woodward, daughter of Robert Woodward, of Braintree, Massachusetts.

(II) William Goodwin, son of Ozias and Mary (Woodward) Goodwin, was born about 1629, and died October 15, 1689. He was made freeman, May 21, 1657, and in 1662 served as chimney viewer.

(III) Nathaniel Goodwin, son of William Goodwin, was a shoemaker by trade. He was a deacon of the first church of Hartford in March, 1734. He held this office until his death, in November, 1747. He married Mehetable Porter, born September 15, 1673, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Stanley) Porter, and she died February 6, 1726.

(IV) Isaac Goodwin, son of Nathaniel and Mehetable (Porter) Goodwin, was baptized November 10, 1695, and died August 15, 1766. He was grand juror in 1741, and selectman in 1742. He married (first) Hannah Morgan, born November 24, 1703, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Morgan.

(V) Anna Goodwin, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Morgan) Goodwin, was baptized May 16, 1725, and died September 9, 1817. She married, in 1754, Ebenezer Mix.

(VIII) Elisha Mix, only son of General Elisha and Amelia (Edmonds) Mix, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, January 14, 1850, and now lives in Stamford, Connecticut, and St. Petersburg, Florida. He received his education in the public schools of Allegan, Michigan, after which he learned the trade of a machinist under his father. On May 3, 1873, he came to Connecticut, and entered the employ of the Eagle Lock Company as a toolmaker, and one year later was promoted to superintendent of the mail lock department, which position he held until the Bridgeport Lock Company was formed in November, 1874. He remained with the latter company until it was consolidated with the Eagle Lock Company in 1877, when he returned to Terryville and was employed as a toolmaker with the old company until 1880. He then went with his father to Pennsylvania and engaged in the lumber business, but subsequently became identified with the Arthurs Coal & Lumber Company, with which he remained until November, 1883, when he took a position with the Corbin Lock Company of New Britain, with which he was connected until October, 1891, when he came to Stamford and entered the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company. In 1897 he formed a partnership with Charles A. Erickson under the name of the C. A. Erickson Manufacturing Company for the manufacture of small hardware and located in Bridgeport, Mr. Erickson being the active partner, while Mr. Mix was the silent partner. After a short time the name was changed to the Excelsior Hardware Company and in the spring of 1898, Mr. Erickson became dissatisfied with the progress of the business and turned over the management to Mr. Mix. In February, 1899, the plant was moved to Stamford and in 1910, it was incorporated under the name of the Excelsior Hardware Company, of which he is still president. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Congregational church, of which he has served as deacon. His wife, Frances A. (Williams) Mix, was born in Terryville, Connecticut, March 4, 1851, and died in Stamford, July 16, 1916. She was a daughter of Cornelius and Caroline (Hooker) Williams, of Terryville. Her father, who was a clockmaker by trade, was a republican in politics and a Congregationalist in his religious faith. His wife was born in Rockyhill, Connecticut, and died at

Terryville. She was a descendant of Thomas Hooker. On March 12, 1919, Elisha Mix married Mrs. Mary M. Forbes, of Plainwell, Michigan.

Moseley W. Mix received his education in the public schools of New Britain and Stamford and in April, 1893, entered the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, with which he remained until October, 1898, when he joined his father in the Excelsior Hardware Company. When the business was incorporated he was made vice president which office he now holds. He is practically the head of the business and in its management has shown executive ability of a high order.

On May 7, 1902, in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Mix was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Layle, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Griffen) Layle, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mix are the parents of a son, Earl L., who was born February 23, 1903, and was graduated from the Stamford high school and also attended the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York. He married Miss Muriel Coleman, of Mechanicsville, New York, June 13, 1925.

Mr. Mix has always supported the republican party and has shown an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; Stamford Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and is a past grand of Puritan Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his wife are earnest members of the Congregational church. Because of his probity, his upright character and his excellent personal qualities he commands the uniform confidence and respect of all who know him.

REV. O. S. BEAUMISTER

The work of spiritual uplift in Glenville has been materially furthered by the tireless efforts of the Rev. O. S. Beaumister, pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, and an earnest follower of the faith he preaches. A native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, he was born January 13, 1884, and is a son of L. and

Stephanie (Deiser) Beaumister. His early education was acquired in parochial and public schools of Bridgeport and in 1904 he was graduated from St. Thomas College in Hartford. Going abroad, he matriculated in the University of Tarnow, situated in Galicia, an Austrian province, and there pursued his studies for four years, becoming proficient in Polish and other languages.

On completing his course Father Beaumister returned to the United States and during 1908 attended St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts. On July 31, 1909, in St. Joseph's cathedral in Hartford, he was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Beaven, D. D., of Springfield; and his first assignment was to St. Joseph's church in Willimantic, Connecticut. From there he was sent to St. Francis church in New Milford and next to St. Andrew's church in Colchester, Connecticut. Later he returned to Willimantic as assistant rector of St. Joseph's church and remained there until the fall of 1924, when he was appointed pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church in Glenville, a suburb of Greenwich. Father Beaumister has clearly demonstrated his efficiency in governing church affairs, and the parish has prospered under his able guidance. His whole heart is given to the work, and his powers and talents have been a tangible force for good in the community. Through his wise counsel and unselfish nature Father Beaumister has endeared himself to his parishioners, and his breadth of mind and Christian spirit have won for him the esteem and friendship of Glenville's citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliations.

The history of the parish dates from 1860, when a small frame church was erected in the borough of Greenwich, and the Catholics from the Glenville district attended services there. In October, 1889, the Rev. Thomas Smith celebrated mass in Glenville in what was known as Broderick's hall. On January 20, 1900, a parish was established at East Port Chester, to which Glenville then became a mission and over which places the Rev. Thomas Finn was assigned as resident pastor. He recognized the urgent need of a church in Glenville, and in December, 1901, the land for its site was purchased from the American Felt Company. The corner-stone was laid June 1, 1902, and on October 19, 1902, the upper church was solemnly dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Michael Tierney, bishop of Hartford. The building itself is of Gothic

design with clerestory and is forty-three by sixty-eight feet in dimensions. It has a seating capacity of about three hundred and seventy-five people. The windows are of opalescent glass with appropriate emblems and have been donated by different parishioners. There are three altars, also of Gothic design, and a spacious sanctuary, unusually large for the size of the building.

For several years both the East Port Chester and the Glenville churches were administered to by the Rev. Thomas Finn. As time passed his duties became more exacting and the Rev. J. J. Burke was appointed as his assistant. From 1902 until 1910 the church remained a mission to East Port Chester, and finally, in response to the urgent request of Father Finn, the Glenville mission was taken from the East Port Chester parish and created a separate parish with the Rev. John J. Burke as the first resident pastor in Glenville. Through the courtesy of the officials of the American Felt Company of Glenville a large tract of land alongside the church was donated to the parish and thereon was erected a modern rectory. After fourteen years of conscientious labor and fine achievements for the material and spiritual good of the parish, Father Burke was assigned to a new field of labor in Thomaston, Connecticut.

His successor, the Rev. O. S. Beaumister, took charge of the parish September 18, 1924. Since his coming the work of improving the church and properties has continued and although greatly diminished in numbers as compared to former days, the parish is still flourishing and in excellent condition. One of the first tasks assumed by the new pastor was the diminishing of the debt, which has been decreased several thousand dollars in the past three years. The land between the rectory and church has been developed into an attractive "court-yard." To the rear of the rectory and church another large tract of land, donated by the American Felt Company in January, 1927, is now in process of development. The interior of the church building has been completely renovated within the past year, and in the opinion of all who have seen it this is one of the most beautiful of the smaller churches in the diocese.

A new electrically propelled Estey organ has been installed, and St. Paul's choir, organized by the pastor, has gained considerable repute in this locality. The funds for the renovation of

the church were raised during the year, and the splendid co-operation between pastor and people has enabled them to meet the obligations involved by this undertaking. While territorially one of the largest parishes in the diocese in numbers, St. Paul's is considered among the smaller parishes. And while comparatively the membership of the parish has dwindled considerably, the spirit and enthusiasm of the people have proven themselves beyond all question by the generous response to the calls made upon them and the harmony and unity of feeling and activity that exists in every department of the parish work and in its various activities. After twenty-six years of "ups and downs," but ever advancing and progressing under the care and leadership of its zealous and devoted priests, St. Paul's parish may look back on a history full of achievements, honor and distinction. The story of the mustard seed has been reenacted many times in this field of religious endeavor, and it is not too much to say that the church has contributed a powerful share in this section of the town of Greenwich toward the fulfillment of its divine commission in bringing men and women nearer to God, and thus by making of them good and steadfast Christians has assured the community and the state of the finest type of citizens.

WALDO FAIRFIELD DESMOND, M. D.

After thorough college training and the preliminary experience which comes through serving as an interne, Dr. Waldo Fairfield Desmond opened an office in Newtown, where he has since engaged in active medical practice. He was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, July 24, 1898, and is a son of Ralph O. Desmond, a native of Danbury, Connecticut, whose parents were Ralph and Mary (Fairfield) Desmond, the latter a direct descendant of John Fairfield, one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Desmond was in his infancy at the time of the removal of his parents from the old Bay state to New Haven, Connecticut, where he acquired a public school education, being graduated from the Roger Sherman grammar school in 1912 and from the New Haven high school with the class of 1916. He afterward attended the Valparaiso University of Indiana in 1916 and 1917

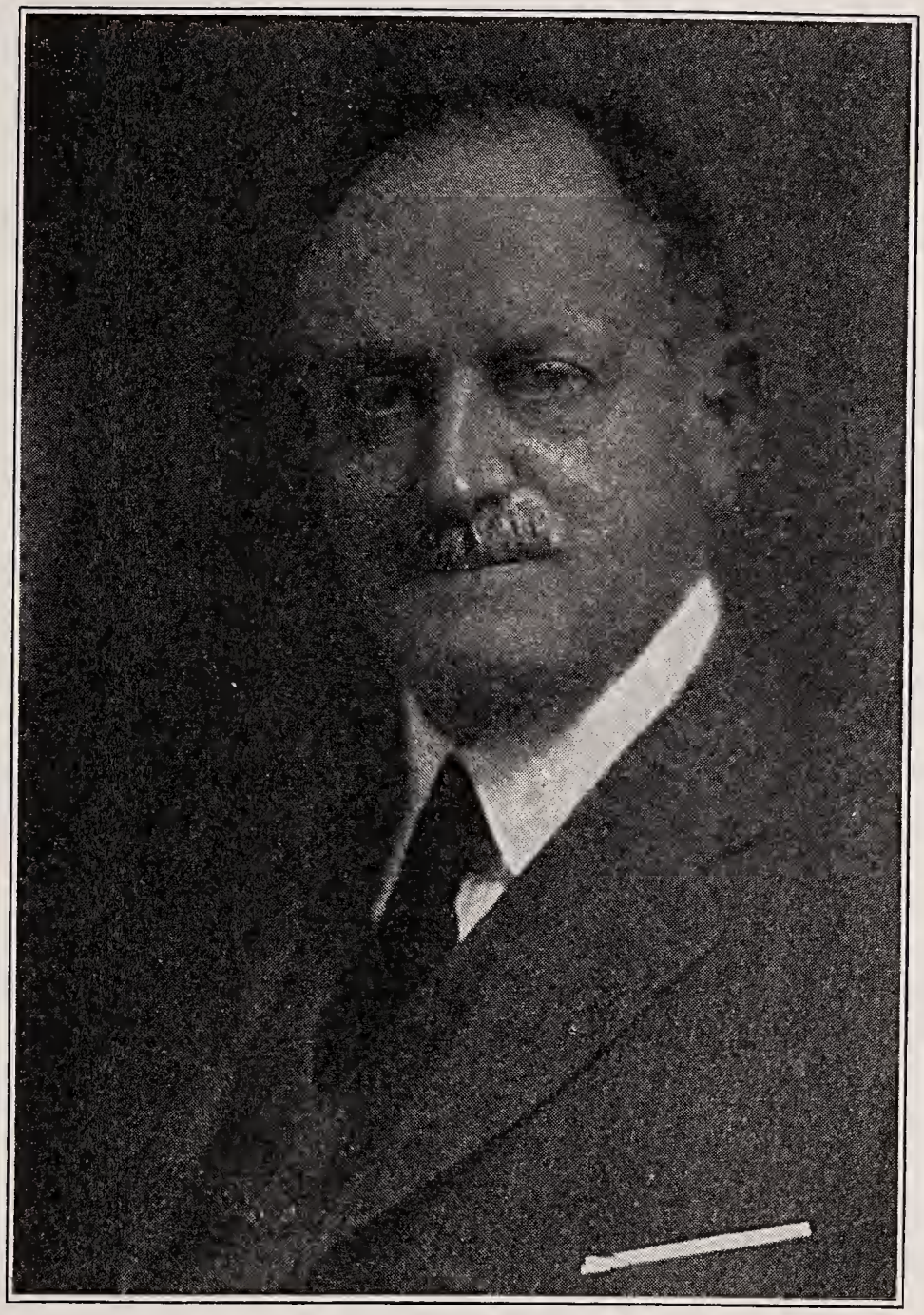
and in the fall of the latter year enrolled as a student in the University of Michigan, where he continued until 1921, with summer courses at Harvard University. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1921, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, after which he matriculated in the School of Medicine of Yale University and gained his M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1925. He put his theoretical training to the practical test in service as an interne in the Louisville (Ky.) City Hospital, after which he went to Camp Norwich at Huntington, Massachusetts, for special work, there remaining for ten weeks. On the 10th of December, 1926, he came to Newtown, where he opened an office and has since continued in practice, his patronage steadily growing.

During the World war period Dr. Desmond attended the officers' training camp at Camp Grant, Illinois. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of Newtown. He belongs to Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity at Yale and to the alumni medical association of Yale University, and he has membership in the Fairfield County, Connecticut State and and American Medical Associations, thus keeping in touch with the advanced thought and purposes of the profession. He is thoroughly familiar with modern methods and his professional service is showing excellent results.

FRANCIS ELIJAH BEACH

Liberally endowed with the qualities of enterprise and determination, Francis Elijah Beach belongs to that class of men who constitute the strength of a progressive and prosperous community. Trained on a farm by an able and industrious father, he brought to the mercantile business all of the attributes that go to make the foundation of success, and he built so carefully and well that by the time he reached middle life he not alone found himself one of the leading merchants but so interested in the development of Bridgeport and vicinity that he was classed by many as a private banker and capitalist.

Perhaps the crowning event in his business career was his work in connection with the development of a centrally located



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piece of real estate, which had been an eyesore for a number of years because of the motley array of structures that occupied it. Without hesitation, once a plan was settled upon, he razed the half dozen or more old buildings and at a cost of one million, six hundred thousand dollars brought into existence the tallest building in the city—one hundred and fifty feet high, containing twenty-three stores and a two hundred room hotel of fifteen floors. Building through the center of the property he relieved the city's congested shopping center by the opening of an arcade street which added four hundred and seventy-two front feet of store frontage to the business district. To manage the operation of this large property Mr. Beach brought into existence the Beach Hotel Corporation, of which he became president. For management of the hotel proper he secured the services of Bowman Management, Inc., and made the hostelry a part of a large chain operated under the direction of John McEntee Bowman, one of the outstanding hotel men of the country.

A native of Trumbull, Connecticut, Francis E. Beach was born November 14, 1869, and represents the eighth generation in this country, a descendant of John Beach, who came to Stratford, Connecticut, in 1639. The town of Trumbull was set off from the Stratford settlement, and Deacon Ephraim Beach built a home there. Ephraim, one of five brothers, was the grandfather of Francis Elijah. Samuel Baldwin Beach, father of Francis E., was also a native of Trumbull. In his maternal line Francis traces his lineage to Captain Robert Seeley, who laid out the town of Westersfield, Connecticut, and was one of the founders of New Haven colony, of which he was marshal in 1639, 1640 and 1641. He was a power in the development of the colony and passed away in October, 1667. His descendant, Augusta Josephine Seeley, who married Samuel Baldwin Beach, was a daughter of Ezra Banks and Eunice (Sherwood) Seeley. Samuel B. Beach died July 23, 1901, and his wife passed away January 9, 1913. Their son, Samuel Wells Beach, passed away November 21, 1926, and their daughter, Mary Augusta, died April 7, 1914.

Francis E. Beach, surviving son, married Miss Anna Gertrude Bassett, and their son, Francis Seeley Beach, was born May 2, 1928. Bridgeport's future merchant and capitalist was reared on the Trumbull hills overlooking the city that was to be the scene of his many years of business life. From the windows

of the Chestnut Hill district school he could look away to the south and see the chimneys and spires of the community where as a man he was to rear the tallest structure. Leaving the country school he was sent to Coleman Business College at Newark, New Jersey, graduating in 1888. He next became a bookkeeper for the Silver Plate Cutlery Company at Shelton, Connecticut, and later a salesman for The Lee Brothers Furniture Company at Bridgeport, Connecticut. But the desire to do business on his own account soon found him associated with his cousin, John T. Sterling, in the crockery business. In 1892 they incorporated the Sterling Brothers Company, of which Mr. Beach was elected treasurer. The business was located at 962 Main street. In 1899 Mr. Beach acquired the business and conducted it under his own name. As the times changed and brought new conditions he developed the crockery store into a general merchandise store and became an importer in many lines. In one line, that of toys, he is said to have excelled every other dealer in New England for all the year round business. In fireworks and seasonable holiday goods he captured the trade in large volume and held it for many years. While his retail business developed it did not interfere with the financial and brokerage business which Mr. Beach was called upon to perform, so numerous were the calls upon him for his judgment and financial aid in the development and expansion of the city's real estate projects. In 1929 Mr. Beach's various lines of trade became so large that he separated it into two divisions, one at 1279 Main street to be the headquarters in distribution of radio instruments and supplies, of which he was distributor for a number of the largest manufacturers in the country; and the other for toys and sporting goods at 17 Post-Office Arcade. Mr. Beach is a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce.

JAMES O. McCUE

Concentrating his attention upon mechanical pursuits, James O. McCue has made his opportunities count for the utmost, and his life record is a story of continuous progress that has placed him with the men who control the operations of the Stamford

Rolling Mills, one of the city's chief industries. He was born August 3, 1889, in Edinburgh, Scotland, of which city his father, James McCue, was also a native. The grandfather, Frank McCue, was a native of Scotland and became a well known paper manufacturer of Edinburgh, in which he retained his home until his demise. His wife, Kate (Gordon) McCue, was a native of Ireland and also died in Edinburgh. James McCue successfully conducted the business founded by his father and always resided in Edinburgh, where his widow, Mrs. Helen (Orr) McCue, is still living. Her parents, William and Euphemia (Messer) McCue, were lifelong residents of Edinburgh, and the father contributed toward the city's upbuilding through his skill as a carpenter.

James O. McCue attended the public schools of his native city and received his higher education in the Heriot Watt College of Edinburgh, graduating with the class of 1908. He chose the career of a mechanical engineer and was employed in the West End Engine Works of Edinburgh for five years. In 1913 he severed home ties and sought the opportunities of the United States. His first position was that of foreman in the plant of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, and from there he went to Detroit, Michigan, as foreman for the Maxwell Motor Company. He was next connected with the superintendent's office of the Ford Motor Company of Detroit and remained with that corporation until April, 1925, when he became general manager of the Stamford Rolling Mills. On the 1st of January, 1928, he was elected to the office of vice president and still continues as general manager. He closely supervises every detail of the work and maintains a high standard of efficiency in the conduct of the industry, which is rapidly expanding under his expert management. The plant is located in Springdale and its output includes copper, brass, bronze and nickel-silver strip, which is sold all over the United States.

Mr. McCue was married November 16, 1912, in Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Ruth B. Silliman, who was born in Three Rivers, that state. She was graduated from the high school at Three Rivers and also completed a course in the Ferris Institute, specializing in shorthand. Her father, Adolphus Silliman, was also a native of Three Rivers and devoted his attention to accounting

and auditing. The latter part of his life was spent in Seattle, Washington, but his wife, Rosalind (Velda) Silliman, passed away in Three Rivers, her native town. Mr. Silliman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gave his political support to the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. McCue have a son, James O., Jr., who was born December 26, 1918, in Detroit and is a public school pupil.

During the World war Mr. McCue promoted the sale of Liberty bonds, and both he and his wife were active in the Red Cross drives. She is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution and adheres to the Methodist Episcopal faith, in which she was reared. Mr. McCue is a member of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, the local Yacht Club, the High Ridge Country Club and the New York Athletic Club. In politics he is nonpartisan, voting for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, and he lends the weight of his support to all worthy public projects. He resides on Van Rensselaer avenue in Stamford and is highly esteemed by his business associates and those whom he has met in social connections. A young man of marked ability and strength of character, Mr. McCue has made his own way in the world and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

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HAROLD LEWIS NASH, M. E.

One of South Norwalk's best known citizens is Harold Lewis Nash, secretary of the Nash Engineering Company, one of Fairfield county's leading business concerns. He is not only eminently successful in his business affairs, but is equally efficient in civic matters, being particularly interested in boy welfare work, in which he has taken a conspicuous part. Mr. Nash was born in South Norwalk in 1892 and is a son of Lewis Hallock and Anna (Archer) Nash. Extended mention of the father, who died in November, 1923, may be found on another page of this work.

Harold L. Nash received his early education in the public schools of South Norwalk and from 1902 to 1912 resided in Brooklyn, New York. During this period he continued his education, attending the Polytechnic Preparatory School of Brooklyn, and in 1910 entered Stevens Institute of Technology, in which

he remained until 1914, when he graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He returned to Norwalk and became associated with his father in the Nash Engineering Company. He served as a draftsman and pattern maker, eventually becoming chief draftsman and then designing engineer. In 1921 he was made secretary of the Nash Engineering Company, which position he still fills. He is devoting his attention closely to the interests of the business, for which his practical technical training well qualifies him, and is one of the important factors in the present successful operation of the enterprise.

In 1918 Mr. Nash was united in marriage to Miss Florence Starr, of Norwalk, and they are the parents of three children: James Starr, Janet Archer and David Hallock. Mr. Nash is a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity, the Shorehaven Club, the Norwalk Yacht Club, the Norwalk Country Club and the Pequot Yacht Club of Southport, Connecticut, his favorite hobby being sailboat racing and cruising. He is a director and chairman of the boy's division of the Norwalk Young Men's Christian Association and is president of the Norwalk Council of the Boy Scouts of America. During the years of 1927 and 1928 the Scout Council was changed over from the "second class" organization to a council of the "first class," having a full-time executive and a more complete permanent and far-reaching organization. Mr. Nash was then the Scout commissioner and he devoted much of his time and effort in advancing the work with the boys, in developing the organization and in raising the funds necessary in connection with the change. In this connection on March 13, 1927, at a meeting of the Men's Club of Christ Protestant Episcopal church, Mr. Nash was the guest of honor and the principal speaker, and during the evening he made an interesting address on the growth of the Boy Scout movement and its work locally. In the course of his remarks he said: "What is Scouting? It has been defined as 'a process of making real men out of real boys by a real program which works.' It is a happy, wholesome, instructive, constructive game, with the zest of competition as well as cooperation. Scouting does not try to change boy nature—it simply directs boy instincts. Such tendencies as the gang spirit, love of adventure and hero worship are used to the utmost to bring about good instead of bad influences. It is

non sectarian, but is pledged to allegiance to the service of God and man. It is non-militaristic, but is pledged to patriotic service in peace or in war. It is democratic, as it includes all classes, not trying to make them all into one pattern, but developing the individuality of each boy."

In Y. M. C. A. work Mr. Nash has also directed his principal energies to the welfare of the boys. He was active in the campaign which made the association possible and before the building was completed in 1928 he was made chairman of the boy's division. With the assistance of the boys' work secretary, Warner H. Hollister, he was instrumental in perfecting the organization of that part of the association work, in forming various boys' clubs and a boys' council which is self-governing. Needless to say, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boy Scouts of America in Norwalk are working in wonderful harmony.

Mr. Nash's tireless efforts in behalf of the boys of his community have been greatly appreciated, as have also the beneficial results which have been apparent among the boys of the community through the influence of this most important organization. Mr. Nash is a confirmed optimist in his outlook on life; has given close study to the problems which confront young manhood, and his activities in civic affairs have been beneficent in their results. He is a man of cordial and friendly manner and all who know him hold him in high personal regard.

ROBERT HENRY FRUIN

Studiousness, combined with the habit of thoroughness, has brought Robert Henry Fruin to the fore in legal circles of Stamford, and he is also well known owing to his public activities, which have included service as justice of the peace and as councilman. He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, December 13, 1885, a son of John H. and Margaret (Condon) Fruin. He is a direct descendant of Thomas Fruin, who was a captain in the English army and afterward migrated from England to Ireland, settling at Castle Connell, in County Limerick. William Fruin, the grandfather of Robert H. Fruin, was born in the parish of Aherlow, County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1800 and left that

country when a young man in the hope of bettering his fortunes in the United States. He became one of the prominent contractors of Waterbury, Connecticut, and made his home in that city until his death in 1888. In religious faith he was a Roman Catholic, and his political support was given to the democratic party. His wife, Johanna (Magner) Fruin, was born in Aherlow parish in 1804 and died in Waterbury in 1891. Their son, John H. Fruin, was born February 22, 1860, in Waterbury and engaged in the manufacture of electrical appliances at North Haven, Connecticut. After his retirement he located in Hamden, Connecticut, and there passed away July 2, 1927. He was also a Catholic and a faithful follower of the teachings of his church. In politics he was a democrat and while living in Waterbury was a member of the board of public safety. His wife was born in Waterbury in 1862 and passed away January 1, 1886, in that city. Her father, Thomas Condon, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, but spent much of his life in the United States. For a number of years he was employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He died at Waterbury about 1880. He was an adherent of the democratic party and a member of the Catholic church. His wife, Johannah (Casey) Condon, was born in Mitchellstown, County Cork, Ireland, and died in Waterbury, March 9, 1913.

Robert H. Fruin was reared in his native city and completed a course in the Waterbury high school in 1903. He then matriculated in Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907, and two years later was graduated from the New York Law School. In 1910 he was admitted to the New York bar and began his professional career in New York city with the law firm of Gay & Goddard, with which he was connected for three years. In 1913 he qualified for practice in Connecticut and has since been associated with Taylor, Durey & Pierson, one of the leading law firms of Stamford.

Mr. Fruin was married April 26, 1922, in Stamford, to Miss Elizabeth Kenealy, who was born July 4, 1892, in this city and attended its public schools. She also attended the school conducted by Miss Devan at Stamford and continued her studies in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Fagan) Kenealy, were lifelong residents of Stamford and stood

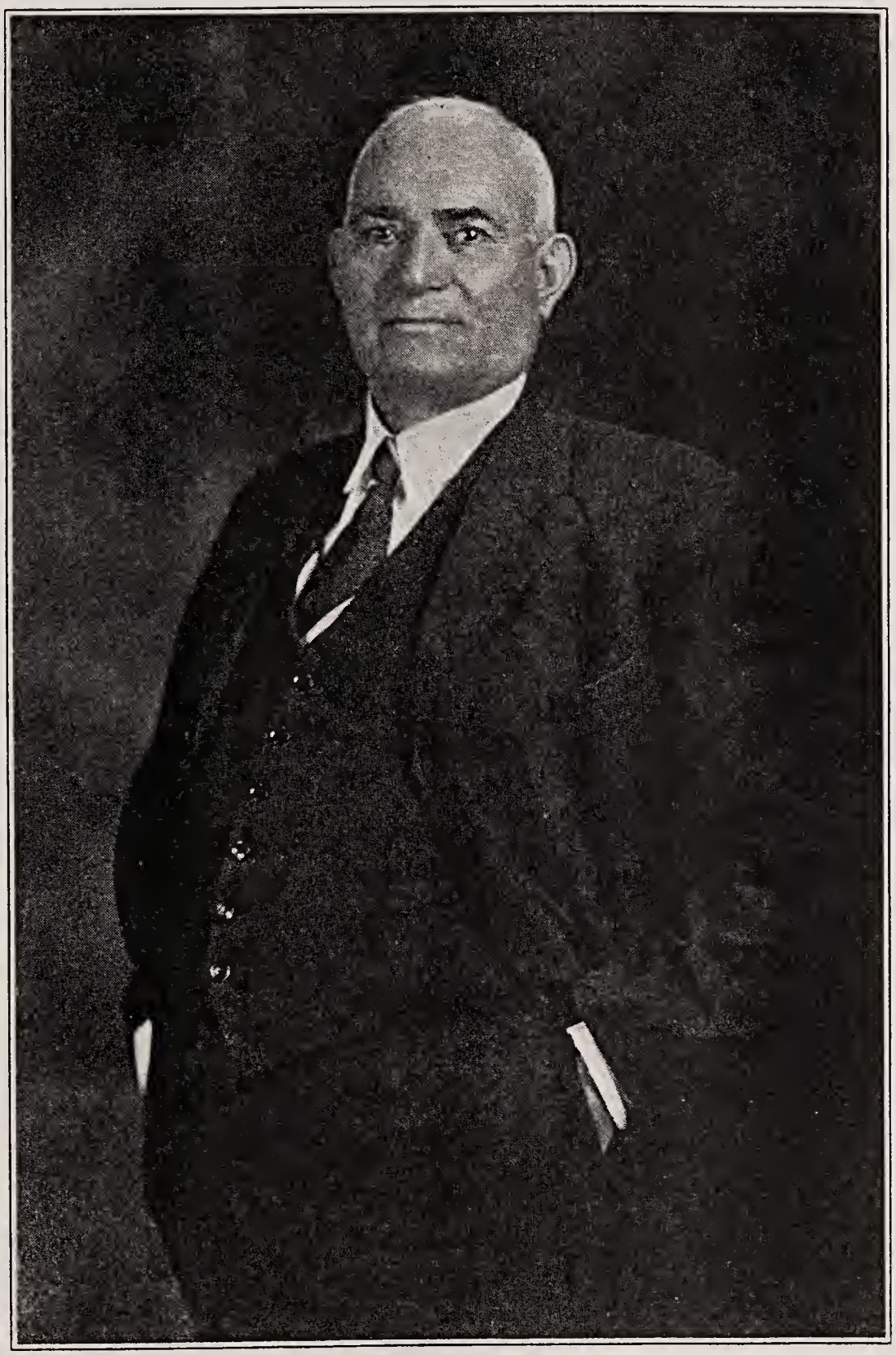
high in the community. The father was a talented attorney and while serving in the Connecticut legislature he was made speaker of the house. He was a stalwart republican and an earnest member of St. John's Roman Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Fruin now have a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, who was born April 18, 1923.

The parents are affiliated with St. John's Roman Catholic church, and Mrs. Fruin was active in Red Cross work during the World war. She belongs to the Woman's Club of Stamford, and Mr. Fruin is a member of the Suburban Club, the Lions Club and Stamford Lodge, No. 899, B. P. O. E. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and from 1918 to 1924 he filled the office of justice of the peace. From 1925 to 1929 he was one of the councilmen of the city of Stamford, working at all times for the best interests of the city. Mr. Fruin has never used politics for personal ends, and his record is unblemished, for he has been loyal to every trust reposed in him and faithful to every duty.

JOSEPH H. MOLL

For forty-four years Joseph H. Moll has been prominently identified with commercial affairs of Stamford as a dealer in tobacco and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest active business man in the city. He was born in London, England, October 21, 1862, a son of Henry S. and Rebecca (Geleerd) Moll, natives of Holland. In 1862 they settled in Toledo, Ohio, and the father opened a merchant tailoring establishment, which he conducted for many years. In politics he was a democrat, and his religious views were in harmony with the tenets of the Jewish Reformed church. His demise occurred in New York city, but the mother passed away in Toledo.

To them were born eight sons and two daughters, all of whom reached adult age, and four sons and the two daughters are still living, but Joseph H. is the only son who came east. The oldest of the family, Samuel H. Moll, became United States Marshal in what was then the territory of New Mexico in 1882. He is buried in San Diego, California, while another brother is buried in



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Bakersfield, that state; another in Sacramento, California, and the fourth in Portland, Oregon. Joseph H. Moll's nephew, Captain Jack Spiers, is now harbor master in Portland.

Joseph H. Moll attended the public schools of Toledo until he reached the age of twelve, when he became a wage earner and afterward worked for various firms. In 1878 he entered the employ of Marcus W. Wagner, with whom he remained for a number of years, and during that time learned the trade of a cigar maker. He came to Stamford in 1885 and on March 1 embarked in the retail tobacco business in association with Michael Wagner. Three years later the firm of Wagner & Moll entered the wholesale tobacco field and thus continued until 1902, when the partnership was dissolved. Since that time Mr. Moll has engaged in the same line of business under his own name and also handles confectionery, selling only on a wholesale basis. He has progressed with the city, changing old methods to meet new conditions and closely adhering to a high standard of commercial ethics. For many years he has been recognized as Stamford's leading tobacco merchant, and in local business circles his name is synonymous with enterprise and fair dealing. His capital has been wisely invested in city real estate, which is constantly increasing in value.

Mr. Moll was married in New York city in October, 1887, to Miss Katherine Wagner, who was a native of that city and passed away November 4, 1896, in Stamford. Her father, Marcus Wagner, was born in Frankfort, Germany, and became a prominent cigar manufacturer of New York city, where his death occurred. He adhered to the faith of the orthodox Jews and was a democrat in his political views. His wife, Mary (Hess) Wagner, who was born in Darmstadt, Germany, also passed away in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Moll became the parents of three sons. Harry S., the eldest, was born in Stamford, January 7, 1889, and is associated with his father in business. He married Miss Bessie Udelman, of Norwalk, Connecticut, and they have two daughters, Katherine and Rosalin. Marcus W., who was born in Stamford, January 11, 1892, is also identified with his father's business. During the World war he went overseas with the Ninetieth Division, composed chiefly of men from Oklahoma and Texas, and was in the service for eighteen months. He was a

master mechanic in the field artillery and had charge of the guns. Philip H., born in Stamford, October 4, 1896, also went to France with the American Expeditionary Force, becoming a sergeant in the quartermaster's corps, and his term of service likewise covered eighteen months. He married Miss Ray Loeb, of Austin, Texas, and is now engaged in the insurance business in Stamford.

Joseph H. Moll joined the Connecticut National Guard, of which he was a member for three years, serving during the conflict with Germany. He is a charter member of the Stamford Lodge of Elks and also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs but has never been an office seeker. Much of his leisure is spent in the open and fishing is his favorite sport. His life from an early age has been one of unremitting industry, and in his business career he has demonstrated what may be accomplished when effort and ambition combine. Mr. Moll has a wide acquaintance in Stamford and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is very fond of traveling and has visited all parts of the United States and Canada many times.

ALBERT MORGAN BOYSON

Albert Morgan Boyson, of Newtown, actively identified with the dairy business, was born in Monroe township, Fairfield county, on the 3d of September, 1880, a son of Hans Peter and Isadora (Morgan) Boyson. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the local schools of Newtown and completed his education in the Newtown Academy. When his textbooks were put aside he went to work upon his father's farm of one hundred and forty acres in the Palestine district and at his father's death he inherited the property, which he continued to further develop and improve until January 19, 1925, when he sold the old homestead and bought his present property in the village of Newtown. Here he has an excellent herd of Jersey cows and operates a dairy. His work is systematically carried on, with due attention paid to sanitation, and his efforts

are bringing a gratifying financial return. He has worked up a good patronage and his enterprise and industry are the basis of his success.

On the 2nd of June, 1915, at Newtown, Connecticut, Mr. Boyson was married to Miss Eva Lydia Sanford, daughter of Frederick C. Sanford, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Boyson have a son, Albert Sanford Boyson. The religious faith of the family is that of the Congregational church and Mr. Boyson has ever been a faithful follower of its teachings, his entire life being well spent, so that he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

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DONALD R. MacLEAN, M. D.

The sterling traits of his Caledonian ancestors have been manifest in the career of Dr. Donald R. MacLean, a successful physician, who has practiced in Stamford for more than a quarter of a century, establishing an enviable reputation as an anaesthetist. He was born in Middletown, New York, July 23, 1874, and is a son of Allan and Annie (Mackenzie) MacLean, natives of Scotland. The grandfather, Archie MacLean, was an excise officer in Scotland and conformed his life to the teachings of the Presbyterian church. Allan MacLean was born July 18, 1841, and came to the United States in 1868, when a young man of twenty-seven years. Being an experienced carpenter, he readily secured work and for a number of years was closely identified with building operations in New York city. He now resides in Stamford and is alert and vigorous, although he has reached the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. His wife, who was born May 8, 1849, and is eighty years of age, is also enjoying good health. Her parents, Captain Donald and Ann (Mackenzie) Mackenzie, lived in Stornoway, Scotland. Her father followed the trade of a shoemaker and was also a master mariner, being captain of a cargo ship, of which he was the owner. Captain Mackenzie was a strict Presbyterian and a man of substantial worth.

Dr. Donald R. MacLean as a pupil in the public schools of New York city and Mount Vernon, New York. His scientific

studies were pursued in the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1901, and he was an interne of the Maryland General Hospital. In 1902 he came to Stamford, opening an office on Sumner street, and in 1911 moved to his present location at No. 87 South street. He is widely known as an expert anaesthetist, a branch of the profession to which he has devoted deep thought and close study, and his practice has assumed large proportions.

Dr. MacLean was married September 5, 1905, in Mount Vernon, New York, to Miss Louise Westfall, who was born in New York city in 1875 and was educated in the public schools of Mount Vernon. Her grandfather, Alfred R. Westfall, was a native of the Empire state and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church of West Ghent, New York, and there passed away. His wife, Mary (Fellers) Westfall, was born in Red Hook, New York, and her demise also occurred at West Ghent. Oliver Alfred Westfall, the father of Mrs. MacLean, was a native of Red Hook and became a prosperous grain merchant He was connected with the New York Produce Exchange and at the time of his death, in 1899, was one of its oldest members. In politics he was a democrat but not a strong partisan, regarding the qualifications of a candidate as a matter of great importance. For years he was a deacon of the English Lutheran church of Mount Vernon and also acted as superintendent of its Sunday school, devoting much time to religious work. His wife, Josephine Vail (Barringer) Westfall, was born August 12, 1847, in Hudson, New York, and passed away at Mount Vernon in 1917. She was a daughter of George Barringer, who was born in the state of New York and became superintendent of an iron foundry at Hudson, New York, where his demise occurred. He cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Catherine Vail (Halsey) Barringer, was a native of Massachusetts and also passed away in Hudson, New York. Dr. and Mrs. MacLean have two daughters. Louise, who was born November 7, 1906, supplemented her public school education by a course in Wheaton College, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. Jean was born September 7, 1909, and is a graduate of the Stamford high school.

She attended Wheaton College for a year and is now a student at Boston University, being a member of the class of 1930.

Dr. and Mrs. MacLean are affiliated with the Stamford Baptist church and conscientiously observe its teachings. He is an adherent of the republican party and served for a time on the board of health of Stamford. During the World war he assisted the local draft board in examining men, and as a surgeon for the National Guard of Connecticut he examined those who entered the service from Stamford. Along fraternal lines he is connected with Puritan Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., and James G. Blaine Council, No. 1, Jr. O. U. A. M., both of Stamford. Mrs. MacLean belongs to the Schubert Club and is prominent in social circles of the city. The Doctor is anaesthetist to Stamford Hospital and a member of the Stamford City, Fairfield County and Connecticut State Medical Societies, the American Medical Association, the Eastern Association of Anaesthetists and the Associated Anaesthetists of the United States and Canada. He holds to a high standard in the field of professional service, and his success as a practitioner proves that he has chosen the line of endeavor which affords the best medium for the expression of his talents.

HON. FREDERICK CLARK TAYLOR

In the passing of Hon. Frederick Clark Taylor on the 27th of November, 1928, when he was sixty-two years of age, Stamford sustained the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens—an eminent lawyer who served for more than twelve years as a member of the state bar examining committee, and as judge of the court of probate for the district of Stamford through four consecutive terms.

Mr. Taylor was born in Stamford, Connecticut, on the 3d of November, 1866, and was a son of Henry F. and Mary E. (Clark) Taylor, tracing his ancestry back to John Taylor, a Puritan, who was one of the earliest settlers in Massachusetts. His paternal great-grandfather, Seth Taylor, was born in Westport, Fairfield county, Connecticut, devoted his life to farming, and died there. John Warren Taylor, grandfather of Judge Taylor, was a resident of Westport. He engaged in the drug business, was a justice

of the peace for a number of years and served for thirty-seven years as town clerk of Westport. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Hoyt, was born in Norwalk, Connecticut. Their son, Henry F. Taylor, was born and reared in Westport and devoted most of his active years to journalism and the publishing business. He was advertising manager of Scribner's Monthly and The Churchman, the latter being an Episcopal weekly published in New York city, but retired from active business affairs and moved from Stamford, Connecticut, to Seattle, Washington, about twenty years prior to his death. Mary E. (Clark) Taylor, was born at Henrietta, Monroe county, New York, and accompanied her husband on his removal to Seattle, where her death occurred. She was a daughter of Austin Griswold and Sarah Ann (Howe) Clark, both of whom were lifelong residents of Stamford, where her father had been engaged in the retail mercantile business. He was a republican in politics and was a consistent member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Frederick C. Taylor received his preliminary education in the grammar schools of Stamford and at the Stamford high school. In 1883 he left school temporarily and entered the employ of the Continental Insurance Company in New York city, continuing there for about five years. In 1888 he entered the real estate and insurance business in New York on his own account. Two years later he returned to Stamford and engaged in the real estate business here, continuing thus occupied for several years. In the meantime Mr. Taylor once more took up the pursuit of his studies. In 1893 he began the study of law, preparing himself for the law school of Yale University which he entered in 1894. He was graduated from the Yale Law School in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While at Yale he was chairman of the editorial board of the Yale Law Journal. In February, 1897, in Stamford, he formed a law partnership with James S. Jenkins under the firm name of Taylor & Jenkins. This association existed until 1917, from which time Mr. Taylor was alone in practice until January, 1923, when he became a member of the firm of Taylor, Durey & Pierson, regarded as one of the strongest and most successful law firms in this section of the state.

Mr. Taylor had always taken an active interest in the public affairs of Stamford, although not as a politician. He was elected

to the office of judge of the court of probate for the district of Stamford on the republican ticket in November, 1897, and was reelected for four consecutive terms of two years each. He declined to be a candidate to succeed himself in 1907. He was chosen the last time as the candidate of both the republican and democratic parties, being at that time the first man in the history of the court to be thus honored with an unanimous election. In 1907 he resumed the active practice of his profession, specializing in corporation, estate, trusts and family practice. He was known as one of the leading corporation lawyers in Connecticut. Mr. Taylor was at the time of his death a director of the First-Stamford National Bank and a member of its executive committee, having been one of the vice presidents at the time of its consolidation. He was an incorporator and director of the Stamford Savings Bank, a director of the Stamford Gas & Electric Company, the Stamford Hospital, the Ferguson Library and the Stamford Home for the Aged. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Stamford Children's Home and the Stamford Day Nursery. In the strict path of his profession he was a member of the State Bar examining committee, of the grievance committee of the Fairfield County Bar, member of the American Bar Association and the Connecticut State Bar Association. He also belonged to the Bar Association of the City of New York.

On November 5, 1892, in Darien, Connecticut, Judge Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth H. Tilley, who was born in New York city, November 4, 1868, and died in Stamford, December 26, 1924. Her parents, Colonel George H. and Harriet (Brown) Tilley, were natives of Darien. Colonel Tilley was for several years secretary and treasurer of the Southern Express Company. To Judge and Mrs. Taylor were born two children, Harriet Dorothy and Frederick Heath, both of whom are living in Stamford. The latter left Williams College as a volunteer with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World war and served in France as a member of the headquarters troop of General Hodges, Seventy-sixth Division.

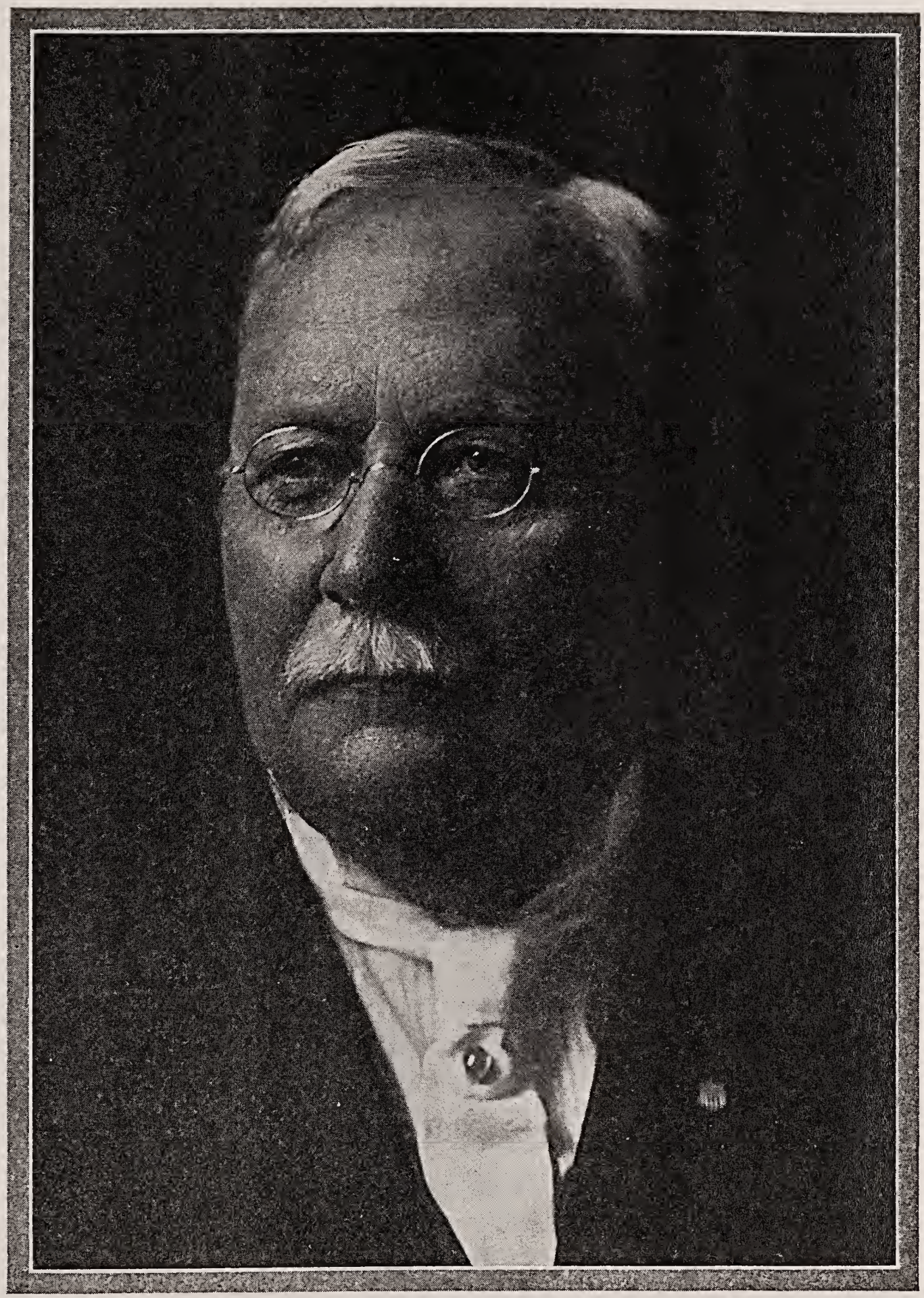
Judge Taylor was a stanch republican in his political belief, and his religious connection was with St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church, of which he was junior warden. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, he was a director of the Woodway Country Club and of the Suburban Club, a member of the Stam-

ford Yacht Club, the Wee Burn Golf Club of Noroton, the Graduates Club of New Haven, the Metropolitan, Racquet and Tennis and Yale Clubs of New York city and the Ox Ridge Hunt Club. Though a very busy lawyer, the engrossing nature of his professional duties did not prevent Judge Taylor from devoting a due measure of his time and efforts to the vital interests of his city and county. No enterprise or institution connected with the growth or well-being of the community ever lacked for his judicious counsel or his whole-hearted and generous support, and his sterling character, fine legal attainments and exemplary citizenship gained for him the unequivocal confidence and esteem of all who came in contact with him.

The following tribute was paid Judge Taylor by the local Red Cross organization: "At the passing of Judge Frederick C. Taylor to his eternal rest, the Stamford Chapter, American Red Cross, pauses to express sorrow and to pay heartfelt tribute to the beloved and gallant gentleman who was the chairman of the Twelfth Roll Call. With his acceptance of the chairmanship many weeks ago, the Red Cross knew beyond a shadow of doubt that the Roll Call would be generalled to success by a man than whom there was none more representative, more able, more loyal. For many years, serving in executive capacity in the Red Cross, Judge Taylor's support and devotion were notable. Probably the last public act he performed was his statement which appeared two days before his death, commending the Red Cross and pleading that every citizen do his duty by enrolling as a member. The loss of this gracious friend strikes deeply. While we mourn with the whole city, it is certain that his example and his many good deeds have given him his place in the Everlasting Arms."

JOSEPH ALEXANDER GRAY

Joseph Alexander Gray is one of the foremost members of the Norwalk bar, has made valuable contribution to the literature of his profession and is also an inventor of note. He was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, September 14, 1859, a son of Joseph Alexander and Mary (Burns) Gray, natives respectively of England and Scotland. Reared in Westchester county, Con-



JOSEPH A. GRAY

necticut, he attended a district school near Louisboro and at the age of seventeen became an instructor, teaching school in Ridgefield and Wilton, Connecticut, for some time. For a year and a half he was a student in an academy at Albany, New York, where he also engaged in teaching for two years, and during vacation periods he sold books. Thus he paid the expenses of a course in the Yale Law School and while a student there he was made president of the Kent Club. In 1882, when a young man of twenty-three, he was admitted to the bar, and returned to Norwalk, where he has followed his profession continuously for a period of forty-six years. His practice has constantly increased and the court records bear proof of his power as an attorney, showing that he has successfully handled much important litigation. He is the author of "Gray's Complete Digest," in five volumes, which was published January 1, 1925. It is a valuable reference work and the best book of the kind ever issued in Connecticut. Mr. Gray has also achieved prominence as the inventor of a clever device which is known as the Gray file tie, a cheap, neat and durable fastener, used extensively for public and private documents. Another product of his fertile brain is the Gray spring and pneumatic wheel, designed for automobiles and airplanes and built to meet their requirements. This remarkable wheel, which has not yet been placed on the market effects a great saving in power and will not skid. It is attractive in appearance and will run fifty thousand miles or more.

In 1884 Mr. Gray married Miss Mary C. Miller, of Georgetown, Connecticut, and they became the parents of eight children. Horace, the eldest, was graduated from the Norwalk Military Academy, entered Yale University at the age of sixteen and after his admission to the bar practiced for some time with his father as a member of the firm of Gray & Gray and is now connected with the United States shipping board in the capacity of deputy to the attorney general. Ethel Louise is the wife of Dr. J. D. Gold, a well known specialist of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Joseph Alexander (III), the next in order of birth, passed away December 12, 1926. Charles Lewis, a graduate of Columbia University, was chosen a member of Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary fraternity, and is connected with the Literary Digest. Mary C., the fifth in order of birth, is at home. Katherine H. was united in marriage to Dr. George Overton, of Long island, New

York, and they have one child, Nancy. Donald Alfred, a successful lawyer, maintains an office at No. 46 Wall street, New York city, and is associated with Judge Foster. Ruth Eleanor is the wife of Allen F. Owen, a chemist, who is connected with the American Rubber Company and also lives in New York city.

Mr. Gray is a member of the Fairfield County, Connecticut State and American Bar Associations. Throughout his career he has been a tireless worker and time has ripened his ability. A man of exceptional intellectual attainments and unsullied reputation, Mr. Gray upholds the dignity and honor of his profession and his life has been rounded with success and marked by the accomplishment of much good.

EDWARD SHALLER PITZSCHLER

Edward Shaller Pitzschler is now proprietor of the Newtown Barber Shop, which he has operated on Main street, Newtown, for many years, and has kept in close touch with the latest developments in the tonsorial art and is a competent dermatician. He is also widely known in newspaper circles, having been engaged in newspaper work as Newtown correspondent for several daily papers for many years, during which time he has written several feature stories.

Born in Newtown, July 3, 1886, he is the son of Judge Oscar Pitzschler of the Newtown probate court and the late Margaret Brennan Pitzschler, whose death occurred February 2, 1908. Having attended the public schools of Newtown, he afterward entered the private school conducted by Mrs. M. C. Rodgers on Main street, Newtown, and later studied at the Newtown Academy. He then enrolled as a high school pupil at the Newtown high school during the first year of that school's history in New town. His wide experience in his profession and his many years of associations with newspapers, brought him an extremely wide acquaintance, together with the liberal knowledge and culture that arise from contact with one's fellowmen, especially with those who represent the busy forces of life. Mr. Pitzschler is known as a pioneer in the amateur dramatic field and was for years prominently identified with St. Rose's Dramatic Club, and later was a leading factor in the local dramatic society known as

St. Rose's Players, which functions for the benefit of St. Rose's Roman Catholic church, and which has produced many notable dramatic successes during the past few years.

At Flushing, Long Island, on the 26th of November, 1919, Mr. Pitzschler was married to Miss Alice Veronica Donahue, daughter of Martin K. and Mary C. Donahue, of Flushing. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is chancellor of Virgilius Council, No. 185, of Sandy Hook. He is also a member of Pohtatuck Grange No. 129. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and since 1922 he has continuously filled the office of justice of the peace, while for many years he has served as assistant town clerk. There is also a military chapter in his life record, for during the World war he was a member of the Tenth Company of the Third Battalion of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Depot Brigade. He is alert, energetic, abreast of the times in thought and purpose, and is most widely and favorably known in Fairfield county.

NASH ENGINEERING COMPANY

The Nash Engineering Company of South Norwalk has grown in less than two decades from a humble beginning to one of Fairfield county's most thriving and progressive industries. The business, established in 1909, was based on a new engineering principle in air pumping equipment, the invention of the late Lewis H. Nash, founder and first president of the concern. Several years of ceaseless experimentation were necessary to perfect the apparatus embodying this new principle to the point of being commercially practicable.

In 1912 a one-story concrete building was erected, in one corner of which were produced the first of what are now the well known Nash compressors and vacuum pumps. Business grew steadily, receiving a strong impetus from the idea of combining the Nash pump in an ingenious arrangement with a centrifugal water pump for use on vacuum steam heating systems, and in this work Mr. Nash had the close collaboration of Irving C. Jennings, now president of the firm. The instantaneous success and

universal use of the Jennings vacuum heating pump has practically revolutionized vacuum heating.

The large demand for the company's products, extending at the time to a wide application in government war plants, necessitated the addition in 1918 of three stories to the original structure, giving five floors, including the basement, with general offices occupying the entire top story. A few years later an adjoining steel auxiliary building was constructed to hold rough stock and accessories, as well as a few departments that could no longer be accommodated in the main plant without curtailing its manufacturing space. The ever-increasing facilities of production and stock maintenance now tax the two buildings, and an extensive construction program to greatly increase the building capacity is now under way.

Many new pumps for use in other fields have been developed and perfected, so that today in addition to the original line there are included centrifugal water pumps, sewage ejectors, sump and bilge pumps, paper mill pumps, and others, which are proving equally successful. Every new pump brought out is entirely different in principle and design from existing equipment on the market, and its simplicity and improved performance make it a contribution to the pumping art.

Nash and Jennings pumps must meet rigid requirements of inspection and test before shipment. The most up-to-date machinery, methods and labor-saving devices are used in their manufacture.

Clean, safe and pleasant working conditions, and a liberal policy on the part of the management, are reflected in the five hundred satisfied personnel of the plant and offices. As a consequence, labor turnover is at a minimum. By emphasis on the prevention of mishaps in the factory through the use of modern safety devices and methods, the accident rate is surprisingly small for a plant of its size and character.

A few of the many conveniences maintained for the employes include a cafeteria, complete first-aid room with attendant and regular visits of a physician, a library, and tennis courts. Several athletic teams are encouraged and supported by the company. An annual two weeks factory vacation period provides a graduated wage schedule for non-salaried employes according to length of service, with full pay to those in service five years or over.

The company's offices are modern in every way. The complete printing plant where all the company's printing is done; a fully equipped photographic dark room; settotype machine, tabulating machines, photostat, rotaprint and blueprinting machines; these and many other innovations in both factory and offices point to the progressive spirit of the concern and bear out the name it has acquired as a model plant.

WILLIAM A. UPHAM

Throughout his entire business life William A. Upham has been connected with food products and the years have chronicled his steady advance in the business world until he is today a widely known figure in commercial circles as president of Upham Food Products, Inc., of Hawleyville. His ramifying trade relations reach out over a broad territory and his success is the direct outcome of close application, perseverence, determination and enterprise.

Mr. Upham was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 10, 1880, a son of Abel and Frances (Brown) Upham. He attended the grammar and high schools of his native city and his early business training was received as an employe in the wholesale grocery house of Sprague, Warner & Company of Chicago, of which his father was general manager. He worked in that establishment during the summer periods and following his father's death in 1901, William A. Upham in the same year became advertising manager for the National Food Magazine of Chicago, there continuing until 1904, when he went to New York city to become general manager of the Miller Manufacturing Company, which engaged in the manufacture and sale of flavoring extracts and similar products. He is still associated with that organization as its president, the business being now located at Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1909 he established Upham Food Products, Inc., with offices and factory in New York city, to develop the "tea ball," which he had invented. This little ball, sufficient for a cup of tea, allowing each individual to have a freshly brewed cup of that beverage, was received with immediate favor and the business steadily grew and developed. In 1916 Mr. Upham erected the present factory at Hawleyville, Connecticut, where the output

of tea balls reaches into the hundreds of thousands weekly. From the beginning Mr. Upham has been president of the company and has carefully systematized and wisely directed the business. His previous knowledge of the grocery trade enabled him to readily get in touch with prospective customers and the value of the tea ball was at once acknowledged. The rapidity with which it has come into general use has made the business one of substantial and gratifying proportions. In addition to his other interests Mr. Upham is a member of the Newtown board of finance.

In his native city, on the 26th of June, 1899, he married Grace Miller, of Chicago, who passed away January 13, 1923. Mr. Upham gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. He has been called to and efficiently served in the offices of justice of the peace and of fire chief of Hawleyville, having organized the fire department. He is a state director of the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and has represented the local Chamber at Washington. Since starting out to provide for his own support he has closely studied the business situation as affecting the food interests of the country and has ever maintained the highest standards in the conduct of his business, enjoying at all times the unqualified respect and confidence of those with whom he has had association.

ROBERT A. HAWLEY

No history of Fairfield county would be complete without extended reference to Robert A. Hawley and his forebears because of the important part which they have played in the substantial development and upbuilding of this section of the state. The ancestral line is traced back to an early period in the settlement of New England, Joseph Hawley having come to America from England about 1629 or 1630. The place of his residence in the mother country is indicated in the wording of his will, which said: "I give to my son, Samuel Hawley, all my lands and buildings in Parwidge in Derbyshire in Old England, to him, his heirs and assigns." There is indication of the fact that 1603 was the natal year of Joseph Hawley and it is believed that he was mar-

ried when he crossed the Atlantic or that soon after he took to himself a wife, who at her death left no children. He married a second wife, Katherine Birdsey, before his removal to Stratford, Connecticut. The name of Joseph Hawley first appears on record after his arrival in America at Stratford, Connecticut, in 1650, at which time he purchased a lot and built a house at the corner of Stratford avenue and Main street. He occupied that home, which continued to be the residence of his descendants for two hundred years. The line of descent from Joseph Hawley comes down through Samuel, of Stratford, Deacon Thomas, Captain Ezra, Thomas, Captain Abijah and Thomas, all of Stratfield, which was the original name of the present city of Bridgeport.

(I) Joseph Hawley's children were: Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Hannah, Ephraim, John and Mary.

(II) Samuel Hawley, born in 1647, was twice married, the first time to Mary, daughter of Thomas Thompson, by whom he had seven children, namely: Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, Mathew, Ebenezer, Jehiel and Elizabeth.

(III) Deacon Thomas Hawley, born July 10, 1678, married Johanna, widow of John Sherwood and daughter of Ephraim Booth. Their children were as follows: Ebenezer, Ellen, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ezra, Mary, Hannah, Hester, Samuel and Catherine. Deacon Thomas Hawley was a farmer and clothier in Pequonnock (now Bridgeport). He was chosen deacon of the Stratfield church in 1710, and he died in 1722.

(IV) Captain Ezra Hawley, born May 15, 1711, died April 27, 1773. He married Abigail Hall and to them were born seven children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Thomas (2), Hannah, Ezra, Samuel and Grissel.

(V) Thomas Hawley, baptized December 7, 1738, died November 19, 1797. He married Ann Gregory, and their children were five in number, namely: Ebenezer, Abigail, Zalman, Captain Abijah and Anna.

(VI) Captain Abijah Hawley, born January 26, 1769, passed away November 18, 1818. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Summers and was a daughter of Captain Stephen Summers. Their children were five in number. George, born in June, 1797, followed the sea for many years and died in 1839. Abijah, born October 7, 1798, was a sea captain and also engaged in merchandising and departed this life in 1861. Eliza died in infancy.

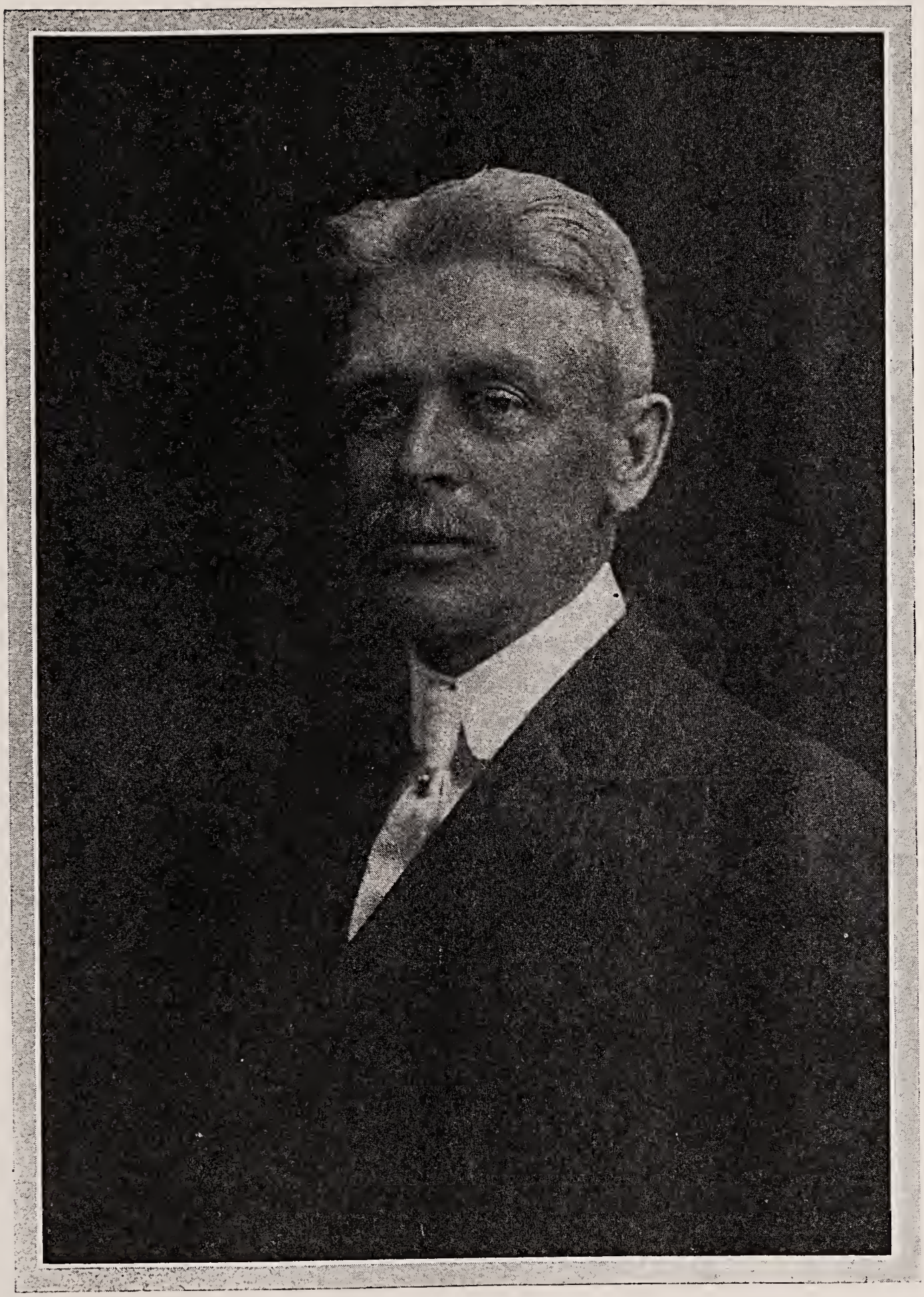
Munson, born April 10, 1803, died in 1891. He was a merchant in his earlier life and in later years gave his attention to banking, serving for about two decades as president of the Bridgeport National Bank. Emeline, who was born December 5, 1804, became the wife of Deacon George Sterling, of Bridgeport, and passed away in the year 1868.

Robert A. Hawley, whose name introduces this record, was of the eighth generation of the descendants of Joseph Hawley, the progenitor of the family in America, and his birth occurred in Bridgeport, August 6, 1844.

HOBART HENRY CURTIS

Hobart Henry Curtis figured for many years in the mercantile circles of Newtown, having gained a position of leadership in his chosen field. He has also left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the public life of the community and of the state and in all his connections with public interests has manifested an unfaltering loyalty to the general good. He was born in Newtown, November 13, 1859, and is a representative of one of the old families of this place. His father, Benjamin Glover Curtis, also a native of Newtown, died here in 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Laura Lewis, was a daughter of John and Amanda Lewis and her death also occurred in Newtown. The ancestral paternal line is traced back to John Curtis, the founder of the family in Newtown and the father of Hezekiah Curtis, who was born in Newtown and was the father of Benjamin Glover Curtis.

In his youthful days Hobart H. Curtis pursued his studies in the local district schools and in the New Haven grammar school, and when his textbooks were put aside he began working on the home farm, where he remained until twenty-eight years of age, giving his attention to those tasks which were necessary in connection with the further development and improvement of the property. Leaving the parental roof, he went to Ludlow, Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of J. S. Curtis, a merchant, with whom he continued for a short period. At the end of that



HOBART H. CURTIS

time, however, he returned to Newtown and purchased the Abel F. Clark interest in the Warner-Clark-Taylor general store, which he then conducted for a period of twenty-seven years, retiring in 1918. He always carried a large and carefully selected stock of goods and fully met the requirements of the purchasing public, recognizing at all times that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement. He likewise became a trustee of the Newtown Savings Bank and so continues. In business affairs he has always been thoroughly reliable and enterprising, as well as progressive, and substantial success attended his efforts, so that the competence he acquired now enables him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In October, 1895, in his native city, Mr. Curtis married Ruth Nichols, a daughter of Philo and Sarah E. (Glover) Nichols. They have become parents of one daughter, Marion, who is the wife of Clayton B. Hawley and has one child, Richard Milan Hawley.

Mr. Curtis has membership in St. John's Episcopal church and in Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of Sandy Hook for many years. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. On that ticket he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature in the session of 1909-10 and served on the committee of cities and boroughs. He also gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement during that period and his support of any measure indicated a firm belief in its efficacy as a factor in good government. Mr. Curtis is most widely known in Newtown and enjoys in large measure the respect and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

HARVEY B. TITUS

One of the leading business concerns of Western Fairfield county is the Harry Bell Insurance Agency, Inc., of Stamford, of which Harvey B. Titus is president and treasurer. He has been identified with the business for nearly ten years; has proven an able and trustworthy business man, and his efforts have been rewarded with success.

Mr. Titus was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the 26th of May, 1888, and is a son of Harvey B. and Lucy W. (Selleck) Titus. His father, who was a son of Robert and Rebecca Titus, was born at Madison, New Jersey, and died in Brooklyn, New York, in 1898, at the age of fifty-two years. He was connected with the Huyler Candy Company, of New York city, as sales manager. He was a republican in his political views and religiously was reared in the faith of the Friends church but later became identified with the Reformed church, joining Dr. Farer's church in Brooklyn. His wife, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, died in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1926.

Harvey B. Titus, Jr., attended the public schools of Stamford and took a commercial course in the Merrill Business College there. He entered the Stamford Trust Company as a bookkeeper, which position he held for three and a half years, and then became a traveling salesman for the lace importing firm of Locke & Clarke, of New York city, with which concern he remained for five years. Later he traveled for the lace firm of Weil Brothers until the spring of 1918, when he enlisted in the United States navy at New Haven, Connecticut. He was located at the naval training base at New Haven and was later transferred to the Brooklyn navy yard, where he remained until January, 1919. He was honorably discharged at Pelham Bay, New York, with the rank of seaman second class. Prior to the war he had served three years in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Connecticut National Guard.

In February, 1919, Mr. Titus became connected with the Harry Bell Insurance Agency of Stamford, in which he acquired an interest, and in the following year the business was incorporated under that name. The officers of the company were William R. Raymond, president; Harry Bell, vice president; and Harvey B. Titus, treasurer. In 1921 Mr. Bell died and in March, 1927, Mr. Raymond withdrew from the corporation, at which time Mr. Titus became president, retaining also the office of treasurer, and Arthur M. McCoy became vice president. The company does a general insurance business and is numbered among the solid and substantial concerns of the city.

On April 19, 1922, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Titus was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Mulgrew, who was born in New York city, September 22, 1888, and is a daughter of

George F. Mulgrew, who is a native of New York city and president of the George F. Mulgrew Company, of that city. He is a democrat and a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mrs. Mulgrew is also a native of New York and a daughter of the late Mayor O'Neill, of Jersey City, New Jersey. Mrs. Titus was educated in Trinity College, at Washington, D. C., and is a member of the Woman's Club and St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Stamford.

Mr. Titus gives his political support to the republican party and in religion is an adherent of the Unitarian faith. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Milbrook Country Club and is an associate member of the Lions Club. He is local chairman of the citizens' military training camp and has never been found lacking in his support of all movements calculated to promote the general welfare of the city or county. He is a man of stanch character, sincere purpose and right principles, and he has long held a high place in the respect and confidence of the people of this community.

WILLIAM T. SCOFIELD

Energetic and purposeful, William T. Scofield utilized every opportunity to advance, and his industry and ability have brought him to the fore in the field of accounting. He is employed in the Grand Central station in New York city but resides in Stamford and is a scion of one of the colonial families of Connecticut. He was born in Greenwich, July 28, 1873, a son of Alfred Van Buren and Lucretia (Worden) Scofield. The grandfather, Louis Scofield, was born in Stamford and always made his home in this city, of which his wife, Sarah (Thomas) Scofield, was also a lifelong resident. As a successful contractor he contributed materially toward the upbuilding of this section of Fairfield county, and his political support was given to the democratic party.

Alfred Van Buren Scofield was born February 21, 1838, in Stamford and enlisted in the Union army, which his brothers, George, Chauncey and "Tip," also joined. Alfred was sergeant of a company of sharpshooters and participated in the battle of Gettysburg, the siege of Richmond and other important engagements. He aided in pursuing the Morgan raiders and finally was

captured. For a time he was incarcerated in Libby prison and was then transferred to Andersonville prison, suffering many hardships and privations. When exchanged he was sent to a hospital on Staten island and after recovering from an attack of typhoid fever he returned to the army. When his term of military service was completed, Mr. Scofield decided to develop his artistic talents and became an interior decorator. Later he turned his attention to the meat business and was thus engaged until his retirement. In politics he was a republican, and his life was governed by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. He attained the age of fifty-nine years, passing away January 31, 1898, in Greenwich, Connecticut. His wife was a native of that city, and there her demise occurred May 6, 1907, when she was seventy-four years of age. A notable feature in her life was the fact that she was born, married and died in the same room. She was a daughter of Andrew Worden and a great-great-granddaughter of Dean Worden, who fought under General Washington in the Revolutionary war. His son, Zein Worden, served in the War of 1812 and was the father of John Worden, who participated in Indian wars. The latter was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, and there passed away. John and Sarah Worden were the parents of Andrew Worden, who was born in Greenwich and always lived in that section of the state. He followed the occupation of farming and was one of the large landowners of Fairfield county. His wife, Amanda (Mead) Worden, was also a lifelong resident of Greenwich, and three of their sons were Union soldiers.

William T. Scofield attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the Merrill Business College of Stamford, afterward taking a course in mechanical engineering with the Scranton Correspondence Schools. In 1891, when a young man of eighteen, he entered the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, acting as night agent for a year, and was next a telegrapher in their Stamford station. He is now chief accountant in the Grand Central station, New York city, and meets every requirement of the position, discharging his duties with marked efficiency.

Mr. Scofield was married November 24, 1897, in Stamford to Miss Emma J. Gray, who was born July 5, 1877, in this city and is a high school graduate. Her father, Joseph Gray, was a native

of England and became well known in Stamford as mason contractor and a landscape gardener. He was a member of the Episcopal church and an independent voter. His wife was a native of Scotland, and both passed away in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. Scofield have two children. The daughter, Florence Mildred, was graduated from the Stamford high school, and later became private secretary to George M. Skene, a prominent attorney of this city. She is now the wife of Victor Hanson, a designer in the employ of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford. The son, Ralph Gray Scofield, was born September 12, 1907, and is a graduate of the local high school. He also completed a course in the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York, and is an equipment engineer for the New York Telephone Company, whose offices are located in New York City.

For three years William T. Scofield was a member of the Connecticut National Guard, subject to the call of the state under Governor Coffin, and was a sharpshooter whom Captain Holly designated as "the best guard on duty." He was an expert marksman and won the silver medal at the state shooting contest at Niantic in 1894. In politics he is a republican but not a strong partisan and casts an independent ballot at local elections. Mrs. Scofield is a sister of Martin Gray, deceased, who was one of Stamford's well known jurists. She is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which her husband is also affiliated. He belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, Greenwich Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the Third Ward Republican Club. Mr. Scofield enjoys outdoor sports, and his hobby is amateur photography. His has been a symmetrical, well rounded development, and his genuine worth is attested by a wide circle of steadfast friends.

FRANK S. DAWLESS

One of the most successful and best known building contractors in Fairfield county is Frank S. Dawless, president of Frank S. Dawless & Sons, Inc., of Stamford, and he has also long been prominent in civic affairs, giving generously of his time and efforts to the advancement of the welfare of his community.

Mr. Dawless was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on the 28th

of October, 1874, a son of Fred W. and Jane Isabell (Smith) Dawless. His paternal grandparents were Young S. and Adeline F. (Willard) Dawless, the former of whom was born in Providence, Rhode Island, October 1, 1801, and died in Sterling, Massachusetts, June 1, 1853, while the latter was born in Sterling, July 22, 1811, and died at that place, April 9, 1882.

Fred W. Dawless was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, July 31, 1846, and died in New Haven, Connecticut, September 17, 1925. He had followed the business of carriage building and was active in fraternal affairs, being at the time of his death the oldest past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in the state. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Congregational church. His wife was born in Granby, Connecticut, December 9, 1849, and died in New Haven, June 29, 1894. She was a daughter of Frederick James and Sabra (Alderman) Smith, of Granby. Her father was a farmer and merchant, and later a librarian. He supported the republican party, and his religious connection was with the Congregational church. His mother was the great-granddaughter of Captain Joseph Jewett, of Lyons, Connecticut, who was a Revolutionary soldier and to whom a monument is erected in Prospect park, Brooklyn, having been one of the men who marched from Lyons to Boston, Massachusetts, and took part in the historic "Boston Tea Party."

Frank S. Dawless attended the public schools of New Haven and also night schools for seven years. He took up drafting under Professor Honey, of Yale College, and when seventeen years of age became an apprentice carpenter. In 1905 he embarked in the contracting business in New Canaan and two years later founded the business now being carried on by his two sons. In 1919 Mr. Dawless came to Stamford, where he continued the contracting business, and in 1920 he incorporated the business and took in his sons, Fred W. and Stanley A., under the name of Frank S. Dawless & Sons, Inc., of which he is president. This has been a very successful concern, having been identified with much important building work in this section of the county, and enjoys a high reputation for trustworthiness and dependability. Mr. Dawless is also vice president of the Pinehurst Realty Corporation.

Mr. Dawless was married February 26, 1896, to Miss Delia

Frances Grant, who was born in New Haven, in which city her death occurred. She was a daughter of the late John and Helen (Maynard) Grant. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war, held a number of public offices in New Haven, was a republican in politics and a member of the Baptist church. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawless were born three sons: Fred William, who was born April 25, 1897, and is associated with his father in business, married Miss Gladys Jacobus, of New Jersey, and they have a daughter, Dorothy Jane. Stanley A., who was born December 17, 1901, and is a member of the firm of Frank S. Dawless & Sons, married Miss Margaret Moore, of Danville, Illinois, and they have a son, Stanley A., Jr. Frank Smith, who was born December 17, 1907, is a student in California. On February 12, 1923, Mr. Dawless was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Murphy, who was born in Ware, Massachusetts, but at the time of her marriage was a resident of Brooklyn, New York, where she had been a teacher in high school. She is a daughter of John and Ann (O'Connell) Murphy, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Dawless is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church, belongs to the Stamford Woman's Club and the Schubert Club, took an active part in Red Cross work during the World war, and is a member of the Council of Catholic Women.

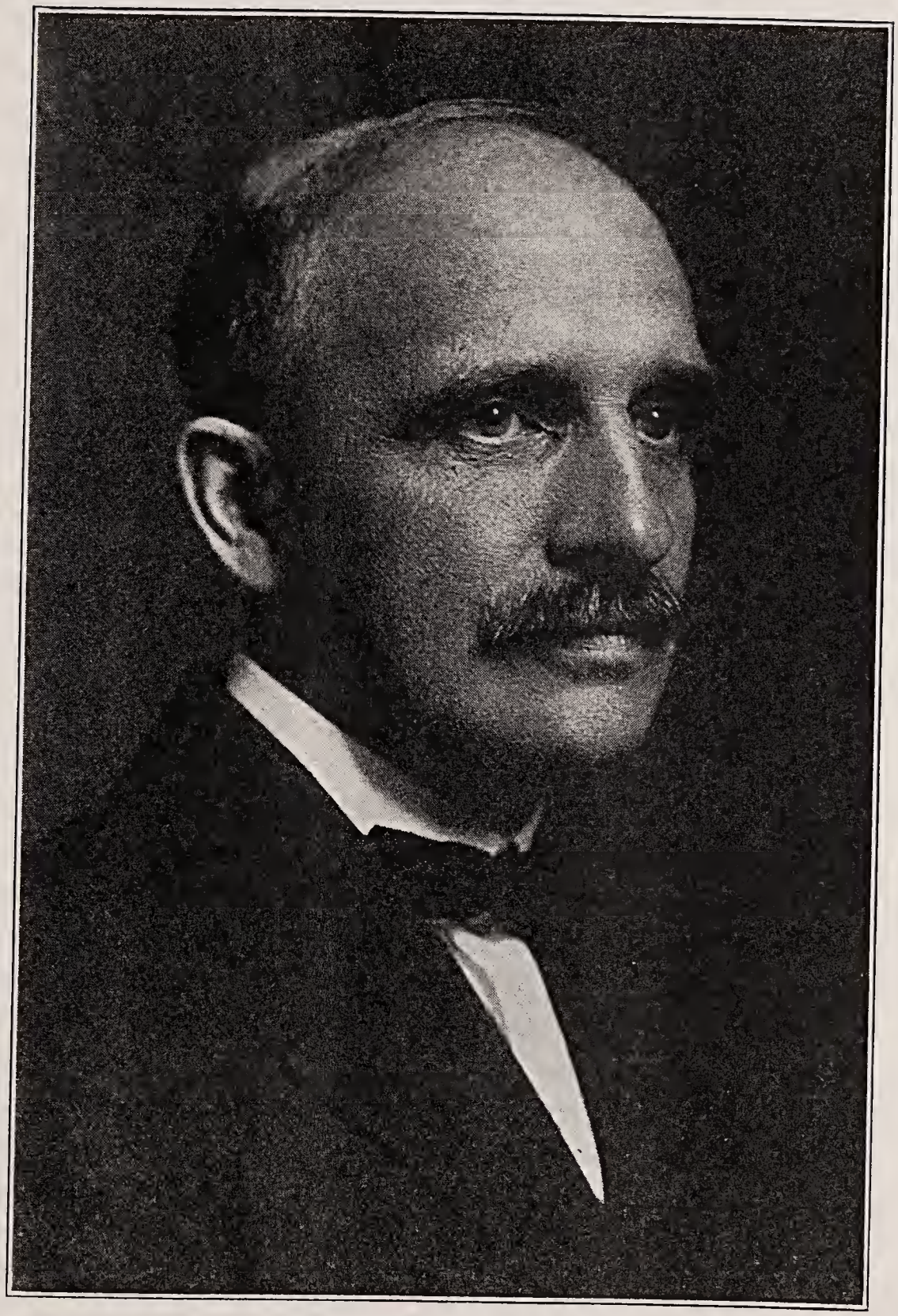
In his political views Mr. Dawless is a stanch republican and has shown a good citizen's interest in local public affairs, having served for eight years as trial justice in New Canaan, as a member of the zoning commission in Stamford and as a member of the board of directors of the Taxpayers Association. He is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M., at New Canaan; Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; Stamford Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Bridgeport Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Bridgeport, and belongs to the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, of which he is president; the Hubbard Heights Golf Club, of which he is president; the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past vice president and has been a director for a number of years; the Stamford Yacht Club and the Suburban Club. During his earlier years he was a member of the New Haven Greys, and during the late war was an officer in the Home Guards. He temporarily gave up his private business affairs and devoted his time to government service, acting as assistant superintendent of construction in the

erection of the nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. He is an adherent of the Congregational church and no worthy benevolent or charitable cause appeals to him in vain. He has in his career exemplified the highest type of citizenship and in every relation of life has performed his full duty. Because of his business ability, his stanch personal qualities and his kindly and affable manner, he is held in high regard by all who know him and has a large circle of loyal friends.

JUDGE BACON WAKEMAN

For sixteen years Judge Bacon Wakeman has presided over the probate court of Fairfield, displaying rare qualities as a public servant, and he has also achieved success in the practice of law. He was born on the old Wakeman homestead in the town of Fairfield and represents one of the oldest and most prominent families of this part of the state. He is a direct descendant of the Rev. Samuel Wakeman, a Congregational minister, who was pastor of a church in Fairfield during the colonial epoch in American history. Captain Andrew Wakeman, another ancestor, was an officer in the Revolutionary war and one of the Minute men who on Lexington Green bravely met the advance of the British troops and there fired the first shots in that struggle which won independence for the American colonists. Captain Wakeman married Hannah Allen and their son Joseph married Sarah Ann Bulkley. They were the parents of Andrew P. Wakeman, who was the father of Judge Bacon Wakeman.

Andrew P. Wakeman was born January 17, 1838, on the old home place in Fairfield county and supplemented his public school education by a course in Fairfield Academy. After completing his studies he became a clerk in the Wall street store of James W. Beach, a Bridgeport merchant, but later returned to the homestead, on which he spent the remainder of his life, bringing the land to a high state of development. This is one of the most valuable farms in the county and has been in possession of the Wakeman family for many generations. The first house on the property was destroyed by the British during the Revolutionary war and the present dwelling, which was erected soon afterward,



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is occupied by J. Howard Wakeman, a brother of the Judge. After retiring from agricultural pursuits Andrew P. Wakeman built a small house on the farm and there resided until his death in 1918. He was a man of prominence in his district and filled the office of selectman for four years. In 1881 he was called to the state legislature and also served in the session of 1884-5, faithfully and efficiently fulfilling the duties and obligations of citizenship. For twenty years he was a deacon of the Congregational church and conscientiously adhered to its teachings.

On the 15th of May, 1861, Mr. Wakeman married Miss Cornelia K. Burr, a daughter of Eben and Hannah Burr and also a member of one of the pioneer families of Fairfield county. Mrs. Wakeman is still living and is in her ninety-second year. They were the parents of nine children: Jennie L., now deceased, who was the wife of William Aiken, of Putnam, New York; Samuel B. and Andrew S., of Fairfield; Bacon; J. Howard, who cultivates the home farm; Florence, who married Harold C. Bullard; Emma F., who was placed in charge of the Fairfield public library; and Carrie P. and Bessie O., who died in childhood.

In the acquirement of an education Judge Wakeman attended the public schools and Fairfield Academy, later entering Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of LL. B. Following his admission to the bar of Connecticut he located for practice in Bridgeport and there followed his profession successfully until 1906, when he removed to Fairfield. He is well versed in the minutiae of the law and the court records bear proof of his power as an attorney, showing that he has won many verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients. In 1912 he was elected probate judge and has since filled that office, for which he possesses ideal qualifications, discharging his duties in a manner that has won for him the highest commendation.

In 1896 Judge Wakeman married Miss Helen Sturges, a daughter of Joseph H. and Mary (Whiting) Sturges, and they have become the parents of eight children: Mildred Sturges, at home; Joseph Allen, who is head of the Fairfield firm of Bacon Wakeman & Son, Inc., and who married Miss Virginia Travis; Andrew Eliot, who has charge of the shipping department of the business of McKesson & Robbins, Inc.; Ruth Whiting, the wife of Arthur W. Taber, of Atlanta, Georgia; Esther Burr, who is

at the head of the insurance department of the business of Bacon Wakeman & Son, Inc.; Robert Samuel, who is insurance solicitor and collector for the firm, and who married Miss Marjorie Lull, of Bridgeport; Henry Osborn, who is attending Colgate University; and Stanley Bulkley, a student in the Fairfield high school. The Judge is a member of the Greenfield Country Club and the local, state and national bar associations. He has attained high standing in his profession and is known and honored throughout Fairfield county, where his life has been spent.

ALFRED MEAD BRISCOE

Alfred Mead Briscoe, of Sandy Hook, now devoting his attention to farming, was born in Newtown, Connecticut, January 16, 1850, a son of Isaac and Cornelia (Fairchild) Briscoe, whose family numbered three children, of whom Alfred Mead is the eldest. Then there were two daughters, both named Anna and both now deceased. The grandparents were Lewis S. and Jane (Batts) Briscoe and the family is one of long connection with the history of New England.

At the usual age Alfred M. Briscoe entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he put aside his textbooks with the purpose of providing for his own support. As a boy he established a meat route through the country and continued in the sale of meats in that manner for thirty-two years, a fact which stands in unmistakable proof of his capability and his loyalty to the interests which he represented. During that period he purchased two farms, upon one of which he now resides, having taken possession of this property in 1907. He conducted a wagon and sales business in conjunction with his farming operations until the introduction of the automobile rendered this business unprofitable. He now concentrates his efforts and attention upon his agricultural interests and he has brought his land under a high state of cultivation.

On the 13th of October, 1869, Mr. Briscoe was married in Newtown to Miss Agnes C. Tomlinson, a daughter of John R. and Lydia (Davis) Tomlinson. Mrs. Briscoe passed away in 1919, at the age of sixty-nine years, leaving two children, Jennie L. and Louis T. The latter married Katherine La Field.

Mr. Briscoe belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having membership in Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of which he has been the treasurer for thirty years, and in Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. He also belongs to the Episcopal church and in his fraternal and church connections are indicated the rules which have governed him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and for four years, from 1913 until 1917, he filled the office of selectman of Newtown. Trustworthiness has always been one of his marked characteristics and his fidelity to duty and his enterprise have been salient features in winning him the high respect which is uniformly accorded him.

WILLIAM R. CURTIS

The family name of Curtis has long figured on the pages of Connecticut's history and through successive generations representatives of the family have borne their part in promoting the material development, civic interests and moral progress of the communities in which they have lived. The ancestral line is traced back to Gould Curtis, a son of Matthew Curtis, who was born December 17, 1763, and died March 5, 1840. He was married December 12, 1781, to Elizabeth Gould, of Fairfield, Connecticut, and they had a family of nine children, including Gould Curtis, Jr., who was born December 27, 1787, and died in February, 1858. To him and his wife, Joanna Peck, were born five children. The direct ancestral line came down through their son, Samuel Curtis, who was born April 29, 1818, and he was the grandfather of William R. Curtis of this review. In early manhood Samuel Curtis purchased the comb and button manufacturing business that had been established at Sandy Hook by his uncle, David Curtis. He closely applied himself to the business, which he thoroughly mastered in principle and detail, and after some time he removed the plant to its present site in Berkshire. He there built a factory which was later destroyed by fire and he afterward erected another building, which was equipped for the manufacture of several diffrent kinds of combs and buttons, the output being sent over a wide territory. Samuel Curtis was

identified with this business continuously from 1838 until his demise. He married Miss Mary Nichols, a daughter of Henry Nichols, and they became the parents of two children, Henry G. and Julia.

The son, Henry G. Curtis, was born at Newtown, Connecticut, in 1848, and when he had attained a sufficient age to enter business circles he became identified with his father's business, which he carried on to a further point of development. He married Annie E. Beers and their family numbered two sons, Harry B. and William R.

The latter, born May 17, 1883, in Newtown, pursued his education in the local schools and in the high school at Bridgeport, and when his textbooks were put aside he became associated with his father in the box factory. He worked with thoroughness, gained a comprehensive knowledge of the business in every feature and when qualified for management was admitted to a partnership in 1903. Under the capable guidance of William R. Curtis substantial advance has been made, resulting in the development of a business of extensive proportions. The old plant was destroyed by fire in 1920 and a modern brick building was completed the same year, especially designed for box making. The father, Henry G. Curtis, retired from the active management a number of years ago, and in 1924 the business was incorporated, with William R. Curtis as president and treasurer and Herbert H. Cutler as secretary. The enterprise is most systematically conducted, with a recognition of the fact that real success comes when maximum results are achieved at a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material. Mr. Curtis has devoted his entire life to the industry and his intelligent direction of the plant, combined with his executive force, has made it one of the chief productive industries of this part of the county.

NORMAN JOSEPH GAYNOR

Norman Joseph Gaynor, assistant vice president of the Bridgeport Trust Company in charge of the investment department, was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 17, 1892. His parents were the Hon. William J. Gaynor and Augusta Cole (Mayer) Gaynor. His grandfather, Keiron K. Gaynor, was born in Ire-

land, came to this country as a young man and settled at Oriskany, New York. He later moved with his family to Utica, New York. He was one of the sixty thousand voters who cast their votes for Burney, the Abolitionist, at a time when the subject of abolition was a decidedly dangerous topic. His son, the Hon. William J. Gaynor, was born at Oriskany, New York, on the 23d of February, 1851. He studied law in Brooklyn, New York, entered politics, and after smashing the infamous John Y. McCane "ring," was elected to the supreme court bench of the state of New York by the voters of both parties. He served with distinction for eighteen years. In 1909 he was elected mayor of New York city. He died in 1913, before his term of office had expired. His wife, Augusta Cole Mayer, was born in New York city, March 8, 1865. Her father, Augustus C. Mayer, was born in Albany, New York. He later moved to New York city, where he attained prominence as a lawyer. Mrs. Gaynor's mother's family had been native New Yorkers since before 1700. On her mother's side she also went back to colonial stock, being a descendant of Thomas Rogers, who arrived in this country in the Mayflower; and also of John Adams, who arrived at Plymouth in the ship Fortune, in 1623. She died December 6, 1926.

Norman Gaynor was educated at the Brooklyn Latin School, the Taft School at Watertown, Connecticut, and at Colgate University. He was graduated from Colgate, as a Bachelor of Arts, in 1913. He later attended the Columbia University Law School, but left after a year and a half to accept the position of confidential secretary to R. A. C. Smith, who was then dock commissioner of New York city. At the end of six months he resigned this position to enlist in the navy. He won a commission as ensign, spent three months as instructor in a training school for naval officers, and was then assigned to the transport Hancock, where he remained until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged in January, 1919. After his discharge he decided to complete his legal studies, and entered the Harvard Law School. He there completed his courses, but never practiced law. Instead, he accepted a position with Goodbody & Company, a New York brokerage house. In 1922 he came to Bridgeport to take charge of the investment department of the Bridgeport Trust Company; and in 1926 was raised to an assistant vice presidency.

Mr. Gaynor married Miss Betsey Page of Fairfax, Virginia, on April 16, 1914. Miss Page was born January 6, 1893, in Waco, Texas. Her parents were the Rev. Dr. Frank Page and Letitia (Woods) Page. Her father was an Episcopal clergyman. His brother, Thomas Nelson Page, famous author of historical southern dialect stories, served as ambassador to Italy for seven years, including the trying World war period, with great distinction. Mrs. Gaynor is also of colonial stock, being a direct descendant of John Page, the first colonial governor of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor have two children, Norman Joseph, Jr., born January 20, 1915, and Betsey Page, born February 6, 1916.

The Gaynors attend St. George's Episcopal church in Bridgeport. In politics Mr. Gaynor is nonpartisan, believing the personal qualifications of the candidate to be the important thing.

For recreation, Mr. Gaynor turns to tennis, swimming and yacht racing. He is commodore of the Black Rock Yacht Club. He also belongs to the Brooklawn Country Club and the University Club. He is a member of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce. The Gaynors live on Toilsome Hill in Fairfield.

CHARLES HENRY HART

Charles Henry Hart, well known in public affairs of Fairfield county, is a member of the board of county commissioners and has also filled other offices of importance, manifesting an unselfish devotion to the general good. He was born in Wilton, Connecticut, May 10, 1860, a son of John M. and Mary E. (Hulbert) Hart, the former a native of Monroe, this state, and a prosperous manufacturer of hats.

In the acquirement of an education Charles H. Hart attended the public schools of Cannondale, Connecticut, and was next a student at the Wilkes Seminary in Bethel, graduating with the class of 1876. His first commercial experience was gained with Ransom Seeley, a dealer in coal and groceries, and after a year's service he entered a rubber factory in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Soon afterward he located in Danbury, becoming an apprentice in the plant of Cole & Ambler, hat manufacturers, and at the end of three years mastered the trade. For a while he worked in the finishing department and was then transferred to the curling

room, of which he was foreman for a number of years. He was in the employ of the Durant Company for a short time, after which he filled the position of foreman in the factory of Judd & Company, and subsequently was in the employ of Short & McCarthy, well known hat manufacturers of Danbury. He was made water commissioner in Bethel and was retained in that capacity for thirty-three years. He was also elected town treasurer and served for three terms, or six years. On April 1, 1919, when he severed his connection with Short & McCarthy, Mr. Hart entered the town clerk's office to take charge of ten volumes of town records and remained there until September, 1919. On the 1st of October, 1919, he became one of the commissioners of Fairfield county and has discharged his duties with characteristic efficiency and conscientiousness.

In 1888 Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Althea Conkling, who was a native of Danbury and passed away in 1922. Mr. Hart gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is identified with the Masonic order, with the Masonic Veterans Association, with the Knights of Pythias, and the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport. He also was chief of the Bethel fire department for about a quarter century. Fidelity to duty is one of his salient traits and the many trusts reposed in him have been discharged in a manner that redounds to his credit. Mr. Hart's residence is in the town of Bethel.

IRVING CALLENDER JENNINGS

Irving Callender Jennings figures prominently in industrial circles of Fairfield county as president of the Nash Engineering Company of South Norwalk, with which he has been continuously identified for the past two decades. He was born July 27, 1884, in South Norwalk, Connecticut, and has always resided here. His parents, George A. and Charlotte (Beard) Jennings, are of English descent. His early education, acquired as a public school pupil of Norwalk, was supplemented by a course of study in the Chapin Collegiate Institute, a preparatory school of New York city, while subsequently he entered New York University, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the degrees of Bachelor of

Science and Mechanical Engineer. During the succeeding three years he was employed as assistant mechanical engineer by the firms of Reed & Stern and Warren & Wetmore, architects for the Grand Central station of New York city. It was in January, 1909, that he became associated with the Nash Engineering Company of South Norwalk, of which he is now president. During the World war period Mr. Jennings designed and manufactured pumping equipment, including pumps used in connection with the manufacture of toxic gas, chemicals, explosives and other applications.

On the 17th of February, 1921, Mr. Jennings was united in marriage to Rosamond Huntress, who was born September 27, 1898, her parents being George F. and Cora (Goodwin) Huntress, natives of Somerville, Massachusetts, and Worcester, Massachusetts, respectively. The Huntress family is of English lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are the parents of two children: Kathleen, born June 16, 1923; and Irving Callender, Jr., whose natal day was July 2, 1926.

Mr. Jennings gives his political support to the republican party and has rendered effective public service as commissioner of the second district of Norwalk. He is an attendant at the services of the Congregational church. He belongs to Zeta Psi fraternity and his appreciation for the social amenities of life is further manifest in his membership connection with the Woodway Country Club of Springdale, Connecticut, the Shorehaven Golf Club of Norwalk, the Norwalk Yacht Club, the Hyannis Port Country Club of Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, the Engineers Club of New York city and the Union League Club of Chicago.

GEORGE L. WOODWARD

Wisely improving his opportunities, George L. Woodward has risen from a humble position to that of president of the National Bank of Norwalk. He has closely watched the trend of events, becoming thoroughly cognizant of conditions, and the force of his personality and the keenness of his insight have placed him with the foremost financiers of the country.

Mr. Woodward was born in Norwalk in 1876, a son of Asa B. and Sarah E. (Hanford) Woodward. The mother, who was a member of one of the pioneer families of this locality, passed away in 1882, and the father died in 1921. He was an able lawyer and for the long period of twenty-five years served as judge of the probate court, retiring at the age of seventy. He was also president of the Fairfield County Savings Bank for many years.

George L. Woodward received a public school education and began his financial career as a runner in the National Bank of Norwalk at No. 51 Wall street. His diligence, ability and faithfulness were rewarded by promotion to the position of bookkeeper. Later he was made teller of the bank and remained with that institution for eight years. On resigning in 1901 he became associated with the South Norwalk Savings Bank, located at 101 Washington street, and became secretary and treasurer of that institution. Its assets have more than trebled since he became connected with it and it is now one of the strongest banks in this section of the state, the assets now amounting to over seven million dollars. In 1917 Mr. Woodward was elected a director of the National Bank of Norwalk, of which he became vice president in 1919, and since 1924 he has been its president. Thoroughly understanding the complex details of modern finance, he has labored effectively to broaden the scope of the bank, whose methods are founded on a broad policy of cooperation which has made it a vital force in the commercial and industrial upbuilding of this part of the county.

In 1924 Mr. Woodward was chosen president of the Connecticut Savings Banks Association, and previous to that time had served as vice president and treasurer for two years. He was also made a member of the executive committee of the savings bank division of the American Bankers Association in 1924 and served as chairman of the committee on investments and state legislation. At Los Angeles, California, in 1926, he was elected vice president of the division, and at the bankers' convention held at Houston, Texas, in 1927, was elected president (1927-28). In 1928 he was elected a member of the council of administration and a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks. Mr. Woodward is widely

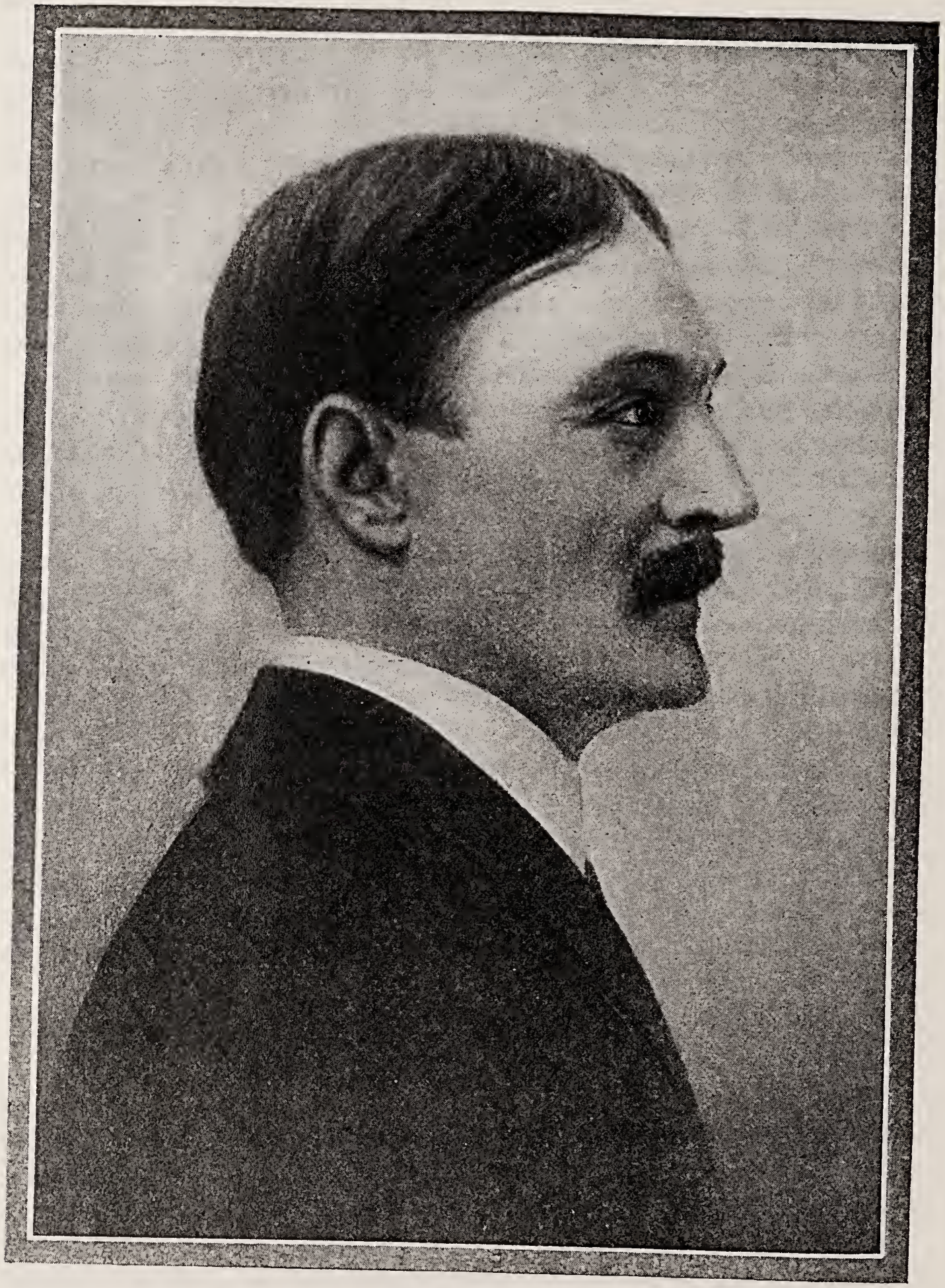
recognized as an authority on financial matters and has been prominently identified with the promotion of thrift and the care of savings of depositors in the savings banks and in the savings departments of national banks and trust companies. That he has chosen the vocation for which nature intended him is shown by his notable success as a financier and the high offices which he has been called upon to fill. Strong and purposeful, he has constantly extended his field of usefulness and is admired for his ability and honored for his integrity and depth of character.

During the World war Mr. Woodward acted as chairman of the Norwalk chapter of the American Red Cross and served as treasurer of various Liberty Loan committees. He is director of the Norwalk Hospital Association, the Young Men's Christian Association of Norwalk and the Lockwood Manufacturing Company. He is a member of the Norwalk board of trade, the Woodway Country Club of Stamford, the Shorehaven Golf Club, the Norwalk Club and the South Norwalk Club, and is vice president of the Norwalk Country Club.

Mr. Woodward was married in 1909 to Miss Marjorie Bishop, a daughter of William F. and Jane (Stearns) Bishop, of Norwalk. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have become the parents of four children: George B., a student at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire; Marjorie B., who is attending the Hillside School for Girls; John H., a pupil in the public schools of Norwalk; and William B., who is attending a private school conducted in Norwalk by Miss Thomas.

GERRIT SMITH

In the world of music but few were more prominent over a long period of years than the late Gerrit Smith, who, as organist, composer, conductor and lecturer, stood in the front rank of his profession. Possessing great natural musical talent and marked technical ability, his life was centered in "the art divine" and all who came into contact with him felt the power of his genuine love for and knowledge of music and his ability to correctly interpret it. He constantly endeavored to stimulate a healthy interest in the better class of music, in which direction his influence was



GERRIT SMITH

MRS. GERRIT SMITH

immeasurable, and he is held in appreciative and grateful remembrance by thousands who derived pleasure from his playing and benefited through his efforts and activities.

Mr. Smith was born at the FitzHugh homestead, which was near the Maryland state line in Virginia, and was a son of Gerrit H. and Marie Antoinette (FitzHugh) Smith. Gerrit H. Smith, who was a son of Peter Skenendoah Smith, a native of Rockland county, New York, was a prominent business man and capitalist, and died at Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. His wife was born on the Colonel William FitzHugh estate, in Virginia, and her death occurred in Hagerstown.

Gerrit Smith received a thorough musical education at Stuttgart and Berlin and taught organ, piano, singing, theory and harmony with great success. He was professor of music at the Union Theological Seminary, in New York city, and held the chair of music at the Master School of Music, in Brooklyn, New York. He was organist of the "Old South" Dutch Reformed church, at Thirty-eighth and Madison streets, New York, for thirty years, during which period he gave over five hundred organ recitals. He spent one summer with Professor Edward Greig in Norway, and after his return to this country he gave a number of valuable and interesting lectures on Greig and his compositions. He was the organizer and the president of the Manuscript Society of New York city, and was also one of the founders and the president of the American Guild of Organists. He was held in the highest measure of esteem by his fellow musicians, all of whom recognized his ability, his sterling personal qualities and his genuine interest in the advancement of music. His death occurred July 12, 1912, at his late residence, "Cedar Close," Tokeneke, Darien, Connecticut.

In Buffalo, New York, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Butterfield, who was born at Skenendoah, near Oneida, New York, and is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Sherwood) Butterfield. Her father, who was a prominent business man and banker, was born in England and died in Buffalo, New York. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a deacon and the treasurer. His wife, who was a daughter of Judge John

Sherwood, of Oneida Castle, New York, was there born, and died at Tokeneke, Darien, Connecticut, May 1, 1927. Mrs. Smith was educated in the Pinner's School for Girls, in Buffalo, New York, and was gifted with an uncommonly fine soprano voice. At the age of seventeen years she was the soprano soloist in St. Paul's cathedral in Buffalo, and for a number of years did much concert and oratorio work in the eastern, southern and western states, as well as in London and Paris. For the past twenty years Mrs. Smith has been engaged in the real estate, insurance, loan and mortgage business, and for a number of years was in the real estate and decorating business in New York city. For the past five years she has conducted an extensive and successful real estate business in Darien and is still residing at Tokeneke.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith was born a daughter, Wyntje Livingston, whose birth took place in the old home of her paternal great-great-great-grandfather, Peter Smith, at Peterboro, New York. She was educated in Miss Beard's School at Orange, New Jersey, finishing her classical studies at the Rose Mary Hall, Greenwich, Connecticut. With the intention of becoming a professional singer, she spent a year in study abroad, but her plans were interrupted by her marriage, on November 19, 1912, at the home of her parents at Tokeneke, to George Frederick Pentecost, a landscape artist of New York city and a son of George F. Pentecost, D. D., a well known evangelist and a veteran of the Civil war. To this union was born a daughter, Wyntje Flower, on August 13, 1918. On November 29, 1928, Mrs. Pentecost became the wife of George H. Weidner, of Bellport, Long Island, New York. Mrs. Weidner, who has been associated with the Swan River Nursery at Patchogue, Long Island, for the past three years as landscape architect, is now residing at Tokeneke, Darien, Connecticut, where she will continue her work.

Mr. Smith was a republican in his political views and took a keen interest in the welfare and progress of his community. For a number of years he was a member of the New York National Guard and was a charter member of the Wee Burn Golf Club, of Noroton, golf being his favorite form of recreation. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance, was cordial and unaffected in manner and had an extremely large circle of loyal and admiring friends, who esteemed him for his high attainments in his art and for his

genuine worth as a man. Mrs. Smith gives her support to the republican party and during the late war was very active in Red Cross work. She is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church at Noroton and belongs to the Tokeneke Club and the Cosmopolitan Club of New York city. She has shown marked ability in the management of her business interests, in which she is meeting with well merited success. All movements for the promotion of the community welfare enlist her earnest support and all who know her hold her in sincere regard for her gracious and tactful manner and her estimable personal qualities.

WILLIAM H. JONES

The late William H. Jones was born January 27, 1857, in Stamford, Connecticut, and was the son of Augustus and Mary (Zeh) Jones, whose ancestors were among the original settlers of Albany, N. Y. His parents came to Stamford when it was but a village. The father became an expert designer and pattern-maker of stoves for the Stamford Foundry Company. In politics he was a democrat and his religious views were in accord with the tenets of the Episcopal church. He remained in Stamford until his demise and his wife also passed away in this city.

An apt pupil, William H. Jones was graduated from the Stamford high school at the age of sixteen and then secured a position in the drug store of S. C. Morrison & Company, a local concern. He advanced rapidly and at the end of three years became Mr. Morrison's partner. Later they bought the building in which their store was located and after the death of his partner Mr. Jones purchased his holdings, changing the name to the William H. Jones drug store, which style is still retained. Mr. Jones enjoyed a large share of the local trade and was classed with Stamford's leading druggists. He successfully conducted the business until his death, February 20, 1915. He was president of the Stamford Druggists Association from 1904 to 1906. He was chairman of the police department in 1893-94, and purchased the first uniforms worn by the police in Stamford. He was also a member of the Stamford Yacht Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His political support was given to the democratic party

and his life was governed by the teachings of St. John's Episcopal church.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Jones has successfully continued his drug business with the able assistance of her brother, Fred C. Holmes, who acts as manager. The original building at 421-427 Main street was erected in 1844 and was the second oldest business block in Stamford. The structure was destroyed by fire in 1927, and the same year Mrs. Jones erected a modern four-story building with two stores on the first floor, one of which is reserved for the business, the other is occupied by a dealer in ladies' wearing apparel, and the second, third and fourth floors contain eight offices and the same number of high class apartments.

During the World war Mrs. Jones was head of the Red Cross purchasing committee and she has been identified as an active worker with the Stamford Woman's Club, Inc., for many years. She has also had some connections with the Schubert Club. At the present time she is assistant treasurer and one of the board of managers of the Stamford Day Nursery.

Her right of franchise is exercised in support of the candidates of the republican party. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal church and has been an active worker there. A thorough believer in the doctrine of work, Mrs. Jones has proven that women are as great a factor as men in the spheres of modern commerce and civic progress. She has a keen sense of life's duties and obligations and has given generously of her services for the public good.

Their son, William Henry Jr., was born June 28, 1908, and attended the King school in Stamford. Later he was graduated from the Hill school at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and is now a sophomore at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM NELSON NORTHROP

Among the men who have left a deep impress for good upon Fairfield county by reason of their loyalty to high standards of citizenship, as well as by sterling worth as manifest in business connections and private life, was William Nelson Northrop, who was born in the Sugar street section of Newtown, Fairfield

county, July 15, 1829, and whose life record covered the intervening period to 1912, when he was called to the home beyond. His ancestral record can be traced back through several generations to John and Lois Northrop. Their son Peter and his wife, Lucy, were the parents of Walter Northrop, Sr., who was born March 8, 1793, and who married Rebecca Johnson, her death occurring November 12, 1821. He afterward married Sally Platt on the 11th of February, 1822. She was the mother of William N. Northrop and her death occurred July 26, 1846. On the 10th of May, 1851, Walter Northrop, Sr., married Volucia Botsford and his fourth wife was Emily L. Hoyt, who died in 1884.

William Nelson Northrop pursued his education in the public schools of Newtown and also under private tutors. He started out in the business world as an employe in a general store in Westport, Connecticut, where he remained until his marriage. He then purchased the farm formerly belonging to the Scudder family and upon it spent his remaining days, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He carefully tilled the fields and cared for his crops and won a good living from the soil, so that he was able to provide his family with all of the necessities and many of the comforts of life.

On the 15th of May, 1855, at Westport, Connecticut, Mr. Northrop married Julia Burr Lamberton, a daughter of Henry T. and Eveline Lamberton. Mrs. Northrop died March 20, 1900, at the age of seventy years and six months, her loss being deeply deplored by her family and many friends because of the sterling worth of her character. They were the parents of four children: Mary Eliza, who was born December 9, 1856, and died December 9, 1861; Charles Henry, who was born November 21, 1859, and died May 26, 1908; John James, who was born November 9, 1862; and Mary Hattie, who was born February 8, 1865, and died August 30, 1928.

In the public life of his community Mr. Northrop took an active interest and rendered valuable service in many connections. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and on that ticket he was elected to various offices. For ten years he filled the position of selectman in Newtown and he was also town auditor and town assessor. In 1881 he was elected a mem-

ber of the state senate from the fifteenth district for a two years' term and he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement. His interest in the general welfare was manifest in many tangible ways which brought beneficial results to his community and thus he gained a place among the substantial residents and public-spirited citizens of Fairfield county.

John James Northrop, the only surviving member of his father's family, was born at Newtown, November 9, 1862, and supplemented his public school education by study in Newtown Academy. He early became familiar with the work of the farm as he devoted vacation periods to assisting his father, and after his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his entire time and attention upon the farm work. He came into possession of the property at his father's death and remained thereon until 1918, when he did his bit in the war by active work in the Remington arms plant. In 1919 he sold the farm property and purchased his present residence in Newtown, here devoting his attention to real estate business for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature.

On the 3d of September, 1908, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Northrop married Hazel Banks Pierce and they became the parents of two children, John Arthur and Cora Hazel. Mrs. Northrop died May 19, 1925. On the 8th of June, 1927, at Wickford, Rhode Island, Mr. Northrop wedded Sophia Blakeslee Hammond.

Mr. Northrop has ever been helpfully interested in the progress and upbuilding of his native county. He was a member of the bi-centennial committee and has lent his aid and influence to many measures for the general good. He belongs to Pohtatuck Grange, in which he has filled all of the chairs, serving as secretary at the present writing in 1929. He has taken the seventh degree in the order. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church and he is secretary of the Ecclesiastical Society. His record as a public official, extending over many years, is a most creditable and commendable one. He has ever been a stanch supporter of the democratic party and is at present filling the office of town auditor in a very efficient and faithful manner. He has also rendered effective service as a member of the board of education for fifteen years, was town selectman for six years and served as postmaster under President Cleveland for one term.

Sent to the state legislature in 1905, he most ably represented his district in that governing body and was made a member of the state prison committee as well as the committee on rules. His has been indeed an active, useful and honorable career and he well merits the high regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

ROBERT SIMEON HAWLEY

Robert Simeon Hawley, who was born October 24, 1844, died December 19, 1886. He was a descendant of the pioneer, Joseph Hawley, from whom the line is brought down through Samuel Sr., Benjamin, Benjamin, Jr., Jabez and Robert Nichols Hawley to Robert Simeon Hawley. The last named was married on the 20th of October, 1874, to Ida E. Stoddard. He devoted his attention to farming, continuing an active factor in general agricultural pursuits of this locality until his death, which occurred at the comparatively early age of forty-two years.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley were as follows: Asa Huntington Hawley, who passed away leaving two daughters, Mildred Hawley and Mabel Hawley Clark, who reside in Danbury, Connecticut, and who are members of the Hawley Society; Julia Minerva; Robert Norton; and Collis Stoddard. Mrs. Ida E. Hawley is also a member of the Hawley Family Society and she makes her home in Hawleyville, named in honor of the family of which her husband was a representative.

EDWARD THOMAS BEDFORD

No resident of Westport more nearly exemplifies the essential qualifications of ideal citizenship than does Edward Thomas Bedford, who though an active and successful business man has found time to contribute in large measure to the civic advancement of his community. Westport has been to a very considerable extent the beneficiary of his public spirit and his devotion to the general good and he therefore commands the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens to a marked degree.

Mr. Bedford was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 19,

1849, a son of Frederick Thomas and Mary Ann Elizabeth (Pace) Bedford. After attending the public schools he completed his education in the Maplegrove Academy at Westport. He early became identified with business affairs and during subsequent years has been connected with enterprises of large importance. He is now president of the Corn Products Refining Company of New York and the Colonial Oil Company of New Jersey, a trustee of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, a director of the Thompson-Starett Company, the Long Island Safe Deposit Company and the Bush Terminal Company and is a member of the advisory committee of the United States Lloyds. His plans are always carefully formulated and promptly executed and a ready discrimination between the essential and the non-essential has been one of the potent forces in his continued business advancement.

In December, 1871, Mr. Bedford was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Durgee, of Bronxville, New York, and they occupy a beautiful home at Greens Farms, Connecticut. Mr. Bedford is vice president of the Riding and Driving Club and belongs to the Parkway Driving Club of Brooklyn, the Bridgeport Yacht Club, the Black Rock Harbor Club and the Hokomin Golf Club. Believing sincerely in the axiom that "not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us, is the measure of our success," Mr. Bedford has used his wealth in the promotion of the educational, civic and moral interests of the people. A local paper said: "His gifts to Norwalk and to Westport have been astonishing in their magnitude and magnificence." He gave to Westport its beautiful Young Men's Christian Association building and donated a liberal sum to the Norwalk Young Men's Christian Association. He erected two handsome school buildings in Westport, meeting half the cost of the new junior high school, which in his honor is called the Bedford Junior high school. He also gave an equal amount for the Bedford elementary school and the Greens Farms school, besides contributing fifty thousand dollars toward new equipment for the junior high school. He provided a central fire station adjacent to the Young Men's Christian Association and in architectural harmony with it. He paid half of the cost of a splendid athletic field in connection with the junior high school and the Staples high school. He does not

believe in taking away the sense of civic responsibility from his fellow townsmen and therefore has been as sagacious in his good works as in his business and finance by making his contribution to the community on condition that the town match his offering dollar for dollar. This he did in raising money for the Nurses' Home, which has been called the Mary A. Bedford Nurses' Home in honor of his wife. Moreover, he gave half the cost of the hospital and recently announced a half-million-dollar gift to be used for the construction of an addition to the hospital. He entirely supports the Nurses' Home with a yearly endowment of ten thousand dollars and there are no conditions attached to this gift. He also donates ten thousand dollars annually for the maintenance of the hospital provided a similar amount is raised by the townspeople. He is unostentatious, open-hearted and candid, yet a man of strong individuality and sincere convictions who has studied the question of philanthropy and recognizes that the best way to aid mankind is to enable the individual to help himself. His life has indeed been far-reaching in its influence and its benefits, yet Mr. Bedford takes no special credit to himself for what he has accomplished, regarding his prosperity as a matter of stewardship for which he desires to render creditable account.

STREB FUR CUTTING COMPANY

The Streb Fur Cutting Company, of which Philip Streb is part owner and the active manager, is one of Norwalk's chief enterprises in connection with the hat industry and is enjoying a very satisfactory measure of prosperity. Mr. Streb was born in Germany in 1864, his parents being August and Dorothy (Webber) Streb, also natives of Germany and now deceased. He was reared and educated in the fatherland and for a number of years was associated with various furriers in Germany. Later he went to Belgium, where he remained identified with the same line of business, in which he became an expert. On September 14, 1896, Mr. Streb arrived in the United States and located in Newark, New Jersey, where he was superintendent of the Behring Hat Company for four years, after which that company sent him to Yonkers, New York, as superintendent of its factory there.

In July, 1923, Mr. Streb came to Norwalk, Connecticut, and established the Streb Fur Factory, which is now owned by Cavanagh-Dobbs, Inc., and he is still successfully managing that business. He has a thorough knowledge of the technical phases of the business, is giving his close attention to its operation, and has proven in every way well qualified as a manager of an important enterprise like this.

In 1888 Mr. Streb was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fiedler, also a native of Germany, and to them have been born three children, namely: Ellis, deceased; John, who is living in Canada; and Lulu, who is the wife of Julius Timm, of Yonkers, New York.

Mr. Streb is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, due to his strong character, excellent personal qualities and his kindly manner, is extremely popular among his associates and highly respected throughout the range of his acquaintance.

FRANCIS CASH McMAHON, M. D.

Among the learned, skilled and successful physicians and surgeons of Fairfield county, Dr. Francis C. McMahon, of Stamford, holds a prominent place and enjoys a large and remunerative practice. He was born in Stamford on the 31st of October, 1895, a son of William E. and Honora (Cash) McMahon. His father was born in Stamford, August 28, 1865, and when a young man was appointed to the police force, at which time there was one other on the force. He filled that position for twenty-six years, excepting four years while serving as constable, and at the time of his death, which occurred December 29, 1927, he was court sergeant. He was highly respected as a man of integrity and as an honest official. Police officials from all over the state and also from New York city were at his funeral and the police club of New York city sent a choir of sixteen men to sing the requiem high mass at St. John's Roman Catholic church. City officials of Stamford and the police department paid a wonderful tribute to his memory and there were two lines of policemen in front of the police station through which the funeral cortege passed. He was a democrat in politics and a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church. His parents, Owen and Ann McMahon, were natives of

Ireland and are both deceased, the father dying at Bethel, Connecticut, and the mother in Stamford. Honora (Cash) McMahon was born in Stamford, July 25, 1877, and died in this city, October 29, 1925. She was a daughter of Martin and Margaret (Conroy) Cash, the former of whom was born in Ireland and died in Stamford, Connecticut. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was for many years in the employ of the Stamford Foundry Company. He was a democrat and a Roman Catholic in his religious faith. His wife was born in New York city and died in Stamford.

Francis C. McMahon attended the public schools of Stamford, graduating from high school in 1914, and then matriculated in the medical school of Fordham College, New York city, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. He served as interne in the Misericordia and Knickerbocker Hospitals in New York city and entered upon the private practice of his profession at Fisher's Island, New York. In 1920 he came to Stamford, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, in both of which branches he is regarded as able and competent. He is a member of the associate staff of the Stamford Hospital and has served as police surgeon for the past nine years. He is a member of the Stamford Medical Society, the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On June 10, 1925, in Stamford, Dr. McMahon was united in marriage to Miss Amy Gertrude Wallace, who was born in Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, February 19, 1897, and is a daughter of James and Alice (O'Bryan) Wallace, both of whom were born in Canada. Her father, who still lives in that country, is a dealer in live stock and is a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife is deceased. Mrs. McMahon was educated in the public schools of Canada and was graduated from the Stamford Hospital training school for nurses, after which she practiced her profession in this city prior to her marriage. She is a director of the Stamford Hospital Nurses Alumni Association and is a member of the Connecticut Council of Catholic Women. Dr. and Mrs. McMahon are the parents of a son, Douglas Francis, born July 19, 1926.

The Doctor has always supported the republican party and has taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs, particularly

such as have pertained to the welfare of his home community. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Lions Club, the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are members of St. John's Roman Catholic church. The Doctor, who is a man of strong character and attractive personality, has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout this community, and all who know him hold him in the highest regard for his professional ability and his worth as a man and citizen.

THOMAS J. BOWEN

As one of the officials of The Mallory Hat Company, Thomas J. Bowen participates in the activities of an organization which has earned world wide renown for the excellence of its product and the integrity of its directorate.

Mr. Bowen was born in Wales, England, a son of Thomas and Jane (Williams) Bowen, and came to America at the early age of six on the death of his parents, making his home with his paternal grandparents at Ansonia, Connecticut, where he received his preliminary education. He entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1893, graduating in 1896 with the degree of Ph. B. He then entered the Yale Law School and graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1899, having been admitted to the bar in 1898. He opened an office for the practice of law at Naugatuck, Connecticut, immediately after graduating from the law school, and was active in the legal and political circles of that city until 1911, during that period having the honor to serve the state and the community in which he lived and practiced his profession in many official capacities, being elected a member of the general assembly in 1903, again in 1905, and in 1909 was elected to the state senate. Taking advantage of an unusual opportunity, he cast his lot with The Mallory Hat Company, of Danbury, Connecticut, and entered on his duties as credit manager of that company in 1911, being subsequently elected a director, assistant treasurer and secretary, all of which positions he now occupies.

In 1905 Mr. Bowen married Miss Belle Mallory, a daughter of William E. Mallory, treasurer of The Mallory Hat Company, and Fannie C. (Raymond) Mallory, of Danbury. The children of this union are Barbara Jeanne and Thomas J., Jr.

Mr. Bowen is secretary and member of the board of managers of The Danbury Hospital, a trustee of The Union Savings Bank of Danbury, a member of the board of estimate and taxation of the city of Danbury, a member of the school board of Danbury, and a vestryman of St. James Episcopal church. He is also a Mason, a member of Sheperd Lodge of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Crusader Commandery of Danbury, and Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport. He is also a noble grand of Centennial Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck, and a member of the Naugatuck Lodge of Elks.

During the World war Mr. Bowen made the utmost of his abilities to serve the allied cause as a member of the local military company and as a "Four-Minute Man," and actively participated in all drives for the support of the government and the organizations concerned with the welfare of our soldiers.

LEOPOLD L. BARZAGHI

One of America's industrial leaders has said: "Experience is the harvest of life, and every harvest is the result of a sowing." Leopold L. Barzaghi has sown wisely and well, and his life has been a succession of harvests. For many years he has made his home in Stamford, and since his retirement from business his time and attention have been given to the supervision of his extensive property holdings. A native of Italy, he was born July 1, 1857, and is a scion of one of the old and illustrious families of that country. His father, Bernardino Barzaghi, was born in Erba, situated in the province of Como, Italy, and died there. An engineer of national repute, he aided in building the St. Gotthard Railroad, which connects Italy with France. His wife, Maria, Countess Visconti Brebbia, was a direct descendant of Barnabo Visconti, duke of Milan, and was born in that city, in which she passed away in 1922, when eighty-six years of age.

Leopold L. Barzaghi was graduated from the Politecnich Uni-

versity of Milan, completing a course in civil engineering, but did not follow that profession and chose a commercial career instead. In 1881, when a young man of twenty-four, he yielded to the lure of the new world and located in New York city. There he embarked in business as a caterer, winning a position of leadership in that connection, and successfully conducted the enterprise for twenty-five years. He retired in 1921 and has since devoted his energies to the management of his estate, which comprises valuable real estate holdings in New York city, Stamford and Italy. His Stamford home at No. 134 Ocean Drive, East, was purchased in 1902, and the grounds cover sixteen acres. The tract is situated on Long Island Sound and its desirability is enhanced by eight hundred and fifty-six feet of water front, to which Mr. Barzaghi has the riparian right. In making his investments he has displayed marked foresight and keen sagacity and derives a large income from his holdings. He never purchased a piece of property without first seeking the advice of Mrs. Barzaghi and attributes a large share of his success to the rare judgment and sound advice of his wife, who has been a true helpmate and an ideal companion.

Mr. Barzaghi married Miss Rosa Ughetta, a native of Italy and a daughter of Gerome and Maria (Cardarni) Ughetta, who were lifelong residents of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Barzaghi have two children. The daughter, Gabriele, was born in New York city and graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy of that city. She is the wife of Louis Kennedy, a member of the firm of P. J. Kennedy & Son of New York city, publishers of Catholic directories and other books of interest to communicants of that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the parents of five children: Louis, Rose Mary, Patricia, John and Thomas. The son, Arthur J. Barzaghi, was graduated from Cornell University and is now a prominent architect of New York city. He was the winner of a prize offered by the Fifth Avenue Association for the best work accomplished in altering a building. The structure which he altered is located at No. 49 East Thirty-fourth street in New York city and owned by Emanuel Gerli & Company, importers of raw silk. Mr. Barzaghi married Miss Julia Coffey, of New York, and they have one child, Gerome.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold L. Barzaghi are earnest, helpful members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Stamford. Mrs.

Barzaghi is active in the work of the Shippan Point Garden Club and manifests a deep interest in all worthy public projects. Both are endowed with fine qualities of heart and mind and have won the esteem and friendship of all who are privileged to know them.

EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM

During the thirty years of his connection with the Bridgeport bar Edward T. Buckingham has aided materially in upholding its dignity and prestige, at the same time winning success in his profession, and is also well known because of his public service, which has been varied and important. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers in Connecticut and figured conspicuously in events which shaped its history. They were Puritans and of English lineage.

Thomas Buckingham, the American progenitor of the family, sailed from London in 1637 and arrived in Boston on the 26th of June. On March 30, 1638, he became a resident of Quinnipiack, now called New Haven, and a year later removed to Milford, Connecticut, where his first wife, Mrs. Hannah Buckingham, passed away June 28, 1647. She was the mother of five children: Hannah, Daniel, Samuel, Mary and Thomas. By his second wife, Mrs. Ann Buckingham, he had one son. The line comes down through Samuel Buckingham, who was baptized at Milford, June 13, 1640, and died March 17, 1699. On December 14, 1663, he had married Sarah Baldwin, whose father, Timothy Baldwin, was one of the first settlers of Milford, and they had ten children: Sarah; Mary; Samuel, who died in infancy; Samuel; Hannah; Thomas; Anne; Mary; Hester and Ruth. Of these Samuel, the second son and fourth child, was born November 1, 1668, and died October 29, 1708. He was one of the proprietors of the town of Milford although he never established his residence there. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Buckingham, united with the church in Milford, May 17, 1696. They were the parents of seven children: Samuel, Ebenezer, Sarah, Thomas, Elizabeth, Esther and Nathaniel.

Samuel Buckingham (III), who was the direct ancestor of Edward T. Buckingham in the fourth generation, was baptized

November 21, 1693, and died in old Milford, December 29, 1749. He was married May 20, 1774, to Silence Clark, by whom he had eleven children: Sarah, Deborah, Abigail, Ann, Samuel, Ebenezer, Esther, Jared, Nathan, Elizabeth and Enoch. The third son and eighth child was Jared Buckingham, who was born October 16, 1732, and passed away at Oxford about 1812. He was the father of four children: John; Samuel, who was born in 1772 and married a Miss Wooster, of Oxford, Connecticut; Isaac, whose natal year was 1774; and Eunice, who was born in 1775 and died in 1880.

John Buckingham, representative of the family in the sixth generation, was born in 1770 and was married in 1791 to Esther Osborne. Their family comprised nine children: Fanny, who was born in 1792 and became the wife of Roswell Hill, with whom she removed to Ohio; Hezekiah, who was born in 1794 and married Matilda Ann Wooster; Lucy, who was born in 1796 and married E. Bartiss; Letson, born in 1799; Susan Matilda, born in 1802; David Harson, who was born September 19, 1805, and married Anne Marie Scofield; Lucius E. Linus, born in 1807; Meroe, who was born in 1811 and married Cornelius Cahoe; and Laura L., who was born in 1813 and on November 2, 1835, became the wife of Joel F. Webster.

Lucius E. Buckingham, the grandfather of Edward T. Buckingham, was the seventh child of that family. He was born March 17, 1807, and when a young man followed the occupation of farming near Roxbury, Connecticut, later becoming a stonecutter and monument builder. He was married June 13, 1832, to Julia A. Taylor, of New Milford, and they made their home in Woodbury, Connecticut, where he passed away in 1903. They were the parents of six children: Mary A., who was born April 2, 1833, in Roxbury and on December 31, 1863, became the wife of Isaac B. Prindle, for thirty years cashier of the Pequonnock National Bank of Bridgeport, in which city she died April 30, 1910; Esther A., who was born July 16, 1835, and died December 11, 1855; Walter; George, born in Roxbury, November 14, 1846; Ellen L., who was born December 11, 1848, and became the wife of Henry E. Ward; and Alice A., born April 5, 1853. She was united in marriage to Dwight Halleck and died in 1895.

Walter Buckingham, the third child in that family, was born

in Dover, Dutchess county, New York, October 25, 1841, and in 1844 went with his parents to Sing Sing, where his father engaged in the stove business for a number of years. During that time Walter Buckingham attended the famous old Gunnery school and among his schoolmates were Captain Bob Beedes and a son of Judge Van Cott, late postmaster of New York city. When the family removed to Woodbury, Connecticut, Walter Buckingham secured a position in a dry goods store and later went to Chicago, Illinois, where he spent two years devoting his attention to the wholesale commission business. The climate proved injurious to his health and he returned to the east. For three years he was clerk in French's Hotel, which for an extended period was rated among the leading hostelries of New York city. Later he was the proprietor of a grocery store in South Norwalk, Connecticut, and was elected the first city clerk of Norwalk, serving two terms. He next went to Metuchen, New Jersey, becoming superintendent of a railroad engaged in constructing a line through that section of the country. At Mount Vernon, New York, he was identified with the same line of work and built the first macadam road in New York city. Returning to Woodbury, he became insurance agent and was thus occupied for three years. In 1881 he established his home in Bridgeport and was a bookkeeper for the John H. Way Manufacturing Company until the factory was destroyed by fire. Afterward his services were sought by other corporations, as he was an expert accountant and a conscientious worker. For eight and a half years he was deputy collector of customs at Bridgeport. He died December, 1927. In politics he was a stalwart democrat, while fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to King Solomon Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., at Woodbury, the oldest lodge in the state. He served as its secretary for several years and on locating in Bridgeport he became a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 3. On November 8, 1865, he married Helen E. Tolles, whose father, Robert I. Tolles, was a sash and blind maker of Plymouth, Connecticut, and they were the parents of two children. The daughter, Eda E., married T. W. Joyce, of Bridgeport, by whom she had two children, Louis B. and Helen L.

The son, Edward T. Buckingham, was born May 12, 1874, in Metuchen, New Jersey, and when a child of seven was brought

to Bridgeport by his parents. His early instruction was acquired in the Grand Street grammar school and in 1891 he completed his high school course in Bridgeport. In 1895 he was graduated from the academic department of Yale University and two years later received the degree of LL.B. from his Alma Mater. He was admitted to the bar in Connecticut and in 1898 began his professional career in Bridgeport, where he has since practiced, except during his tenure of those public offices which have demanded his entire attention. He is well versed in legal science, and the court records bear proof of his ability as an attorney, showing that he has successfully handled much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. His office is at No. 1024 Main street, and his clientele is large and lucrative.

Mr. Buckingham was married June 3, 1903, to Miss Bessie R. Budau, a daughter of John B. and Annie (Russell) Budau and a granddaughter of John Diedericks Budau, who was born in Libeck, Germany, October 14, 1817, and came to the new world when a youth of sixteen. For a time he was a sailor and next worked for a railroad in New Orleans, Louisiana, receiving a wage of fifty cents a day. On leaving that city he journeyed northward, and his first independent venture was in the grocery business. Afterward he opened a dry goods store in Bridgeport and soon established the business on a paying basis. Later he sold his stock of merchandise to the firm of Beacon & Smith, and the next change in ownership made Radford B. Smith the proprietor of the store. Following his withdrawal from the field of merchandising Mr. Budau turned his attention to the settling of estates and also opened a real estate office. A sagacious, farsighted business man, he prospered in all of his undertakings, and his integrity was above question. His talents were also exerted for the benefit of his city, and during the period of his service as street commissioner some of the principal streets and avenues of Bridgeport were laid out. Mr. Budau held membership in St. John's Lodge and in Hamilton Commandery, Knight Templars. He passed away in Bridgeport, November 20, 1888, and was buried with Masonic honors. In 1845 he had married Louise Jane French, who was one of the nine children of Wheeler French and passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey. Her father was born in 1792 and always followed the trade of a carpenter

in Bridgeport, passing away in 1852. His wife, Sarah Webb, a daughter of Zenas Webb, was born in 1794 and died in 1862. Gamaliel French, the father of Wheeler French, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and his name is inscribed on a tablet of the gateway erected by Mary Silliman Chapter of the D. A. R. at the old Stratford burying ground near the corner of North and Brooklawn avenues in Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. John Diedericks Budau had a family of seven children, of whom John was born February 24, 1851, in Bridgeport, and his demise occurred in this city, December 31, 1904. He was an accomplished musician and played in the Wheeler & Wilson band for a number of years. Afterward he engaged in draying and during the latter part of his life was a real estate operator, also writing insurance. He belonged to St. John's Lodge of Masons, of which three generations of the family had been representatives. He married Annie Russell, a native of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and two children were born to them: John H. D. Budau; and Bessie R,. now the wife of Edward T. Buckingham. Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham have become the parents of two sons: Russell B., who was born June 2, 1904, and died February 5, 1920; and Edward T., who was born September 2, 1906, and was graduated from the Yale Scientific School in 1928.

Mr. Buckingham is allied with the democratic party and was first called to public office of 1901, when he became city clerk. In 1903 he was reelected, receiving a majority of twenty-five hundred and thirty-five votes, the largest ever given a candidate for that office, to which he was returned in 1905 and 1907, serving until 1909. He was then nominated and elected mayor of Bridgeport with a majority of three thousand and forty-three, the largest received by any mayoralty candidate of the city. Moreover, he was the second youngest mayor of Bridgeport, and few men of his years have occupied a similar position in a city of equal size in the Unted States. Under most trying conditions he discharged his duties with such signal dignity and honor as to win the highest commendation, and accomplished much good along the line of municipal reform and progress.

In 1910 he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor but withdrew his name and seconded the nomination of Judge Simeon Baldwin, who was subsequently elected for two

terms. On October 1, 1913, Mr. Buckingham was appointed compensation commissioner by Governor Baldwin and was reappointed by Governor Holcomb and Governor Lake, holding that office until December 31, 1927. He has been active in fraternal affairs and is a past master of St. John's Lodge of Masons. He is past sachem of Wowompon Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men and has been great sachem of the state of Connecticut. His affiliations also extend to the Knights of Pythias, and he is a life member of the Bridgeport Lodge of Elks. He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, Wepawaug Country Club of Milford, Milford Yacht Club, and Colonial Yacht Club of New York. Mr. Buckingham is chairman of the convention bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of recreation, a member of the board of education, a member of the executive council of the Boy Scouts, secretary of the Automobile Club of Bridgeport, past president of the Kiwanis Club, president of The Reciprocity Club, president of the Yale Alumni Association of Fairfield county, and secretary of the Lawncroft Cemetery. He has been actively interested in every important civic movement in Bridgeport.

Mr. Buckingham has displayed rare qualities as a public servant, faithfully and efficiently fulfilling every trust reposed in him and his life has been a constantly expanding force for good citizenship. By nature he is genial, frank and sympathetic, and his personal popularity is attested by a wide circle of loyal friends.

EDWARD EARLE GARLICK

Edward Earle Garlick, judge of the court of common pleas, has been the recipient of other important trusts which have been discharged in a manner that redounds to his credit, and his activities in the field of public service have won for him statewide prominence.

A native of Fairfield, Connecticut, he was born September 18, 1884, and is a son of Dr. Samuel Middleton Garlick. The latter was born in Derbyshire, England, and was a child of three years when with his parents, John and Hannah (Beard) Garlick, he sailed for America, but the mother died during the voyage

and the father passed away soon after his arrival in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Garlick was reared in Salem, New Hampshire, by his uncle and aunt, James Small and Esther Ann Middleton, and after his graduation from the State Normal School at Westfield, Massachusetts, engaged in teaching, thus paying for his course in the Dartmouth Medical College. Later he was a postgraduate student at the Harvard Medical College and first located in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, but soon afterward opened an office in Fairfield, Connecticut. In 1886 he transferred his activities to Bridgeport and soon became recognized as one of its leading surgeons and gynecologists. He died April 14, 1924. While in Fairfield he married Miss Harriet Trubee Knapp, a daughter of Captain Rufus and Caroline Trubee Knapp and a member of a colonial family that was represented in the Revolutionary war. She died December 24, 1924. Mrs. Garlick was a prominent member of the Bridgeport Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a frequent contributor to the National Magazine published by that organization in Washington, D. C., being the author of an article entitled "Trails of the Old King's Highway," which appeared in that magazine, and another interesting article entitled "The Heroic Woman." Her writings were published in other magazines and she was well known in literary and club circles.

Edward Earle Garlick, the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children, attended the public schools of Bridgeport and completed a course in the University School in 1906. Afterward he enrolled as a student in the law department of Yale University and was graduated with the class of 1910. In February, 1911, he was admitted to the bar in Hartford, Connecticut, and in the same year began his professional career in Bridgeport with Chamberlain & Hull, one of the leading law firms of the city. In 1913 he formed a partnership with Richard S. Swain, the firm of Garlick & Swain engaging in general practice. Mr. Garlick was thus active when the United States entered the World war. He at once enlisted, in April, 1917, as a private, and was assigned to the first training camp at Plattsburg, New York, where he served for three months in the New England Provisional Regiment, receiving the commission of second lieutenant. He was then ordered to the Seventy-sixth Division at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, serving as a staff officer until June, 1918,

when he went overseas as a first lieutenant. He participated in three major offensives—the Oisne-Aisne, French defensive sector and the Meuse-Argonne. He remained in France and with the Army of Occupation in Germany until June, 1919, when he returned home and was mustered out on June 13, 1919. Resuming the practice of his profession, he formed a partnership with Howard W. Curtis under the firm name of Garlick & Curtis, but this association was terminated by the death of the junior partner some months later. Mr. Garlick then became associated with Ralph T. Beers, forming the firm of Beers and Garlick, and during this partnership relation he served as prosecuting attorney of the city court and later as assistant states attorney under Homer S. Cummings and William H. Comley. In June, 1927, Judge Garlick was appointed to the common pleas bench.

On December 6, 1917, he was married to Miss Ruth Jordan, of Monticello, Georgia, daughter of A. Hunter and Hattie Nevin (White) Jordan, her father being a prominent merchant of that state. Mrs. Garlick on both sides descends from old southern families. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garlick, namely: Harriet Trubee and Edward Earle, Jr.

At one time Judge Garlick was clerk of the North Congregational church and afterward performed a similar service for the United Congregational church. In politics he is a stanch republican and has served as alderman, representative and senator. Formerly he was assistant clerk of the city court, was afterward made clerk and also represented his district in the general assembly of Connecticut, supporting all constructive legislation, and in 1921 he was elected by a large majority to serve the twenty-first senatorial district in the state senate.

When President Wilson issued his call for service on the Mexican border in 1916, Judge Garlick's patriotism prompted him to join Battery A of the Tenth Field Artillery of the Connecticut National Guard as a private, with which he served for five months, but was unable to reach the border, being stationed during that time at an army training camp in Pennsylvania.

He is a member of The University Club, The Cruising Club of America, The Black Rock Yacht Club, The American Legion, The Disabled Veterans of The World War, the Bridgeport, County and State Bar Associations. He is also a Mason, being

a member of America Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Stratford. Judge Garlick has never used public office as a means of personal aggrandizement, always following the course dictated by conscience and honor, and his reward is the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

STEPHEN DOKUS

The record of Stephen Dokus, the capable and popular city clerk of Norwalk, has been characterized by loyal and efficient performance of duty in every position which he has filled, and he has fully merited the respect which is uniformly accorded him by his fellowmen. He was born in Hungary in 1890 and is a son of Gabriel and Bertha (Kvantz) Dokus, both of whom also were born in that country. His parents are now living in South Norwalk, where his father is serving as pastor of the Hungarian Reformed church. Mr. Dokus also has two brothers who are ministers, Gabriel, Jr., pastor of a Presbyterian church in Canton, Ohio, and Alexander, who is pastor of the Hungarian Reformed church in Conneaut, Ohio.

Stephen Dokus was brought to the United States in his infancy and received his education in the public schools of South Norwalk. In 1904 he went to work for the Boese-Pappard Lace Mills, with which concern he remained for six years, and then entered Merrill Business College, from which he was graduated in June, 1911. He then became associated with the Connecticut Company, under Mr. Costello, who operated a motor express between Bridgeport, New Haven, Derby and Shelton. He had charge of the New Haven office until 1913, when he was appointed assistant city clerk of Norwalk under Joseph J. Linxweiller, now deceased. Mr. Dokus held that position until 1915, when he visited the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, and on his return to Norwalk, in October of that year, he was appointed city clerk under Dr. Harstrom, serving as such until September, 1917. In 1916 he entered the military training camp at Plattsburg, New York, and on the entry of the United States into the World war he joined the Seventy-sixth Division of Infantry. He went overseas in July, 1918, and was stationed at Chateneuf sur Cher, France, where his division was

broken up. It was divided into training battalions and Mr. Dokus went to a military school at Fort DeLabonelle, close to Langras, where for four months he trained men. Up to January, 1919, he was a member of Company F, Three Hundred and Fourth Regiment United State Infantry, a part of the Seventy-sixth Division. Mr. Dokus served as first sergeant during the entire period of his enlistment. On his return to this country he was honorably discharged and in July, 1919, returned to Norwalk. He then went into business for himself, establishing an insurance and steamship agency in South Norwalk, which he conducted until 1921, when he was appointed city clerk under Mayor Calvin Barton. He served in that capacity until 1923, when he reentered the insurance business, to which he devoted his attention until October, 1925, when he was again appointed city clerk under Mayor Robins, and in October, 1927, was reappointed during the administration of Mayor Keeler, and is still filling that position. He has a thorough understanding of the duties of the office, which he has filled in a manner that has gained for him high commendation and has proven in every respect well qualified for it.

In 1920 Mr. Dokus was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Rose Levay, of Bridgeport. He is a member of Old Well Lodge, No. 108, F. & A. M.; Perfect Craftsman; Butler Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M.; Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Bridgeport; Monker Grotto; National Sojourners, Hartford Chapter, No. 56; the Frank C. Godfrey Post, No. 12 of the American Legion; Mulvoy Tarlov, No. 603, Veterans of Foreign Wars; treasurer of the Hungarian Reformed church for the past three years; the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is director; the South Norwalk Club and the Kiwanis Club. In 1921 Mr. Dokus and others organized the Second Battalion Headquarters and Combat Train One Hundred and Ninety-two, Field Artillery, Connecticut National Guard. In October, 1926, on the resignation of Captain Lockhart, Mr. Dokus was placed in charge of the organization, of which he remained commanding officer until February, 1928, when he resigned and, at his own request, was placed in the reserve. On May 31, 1928, he received from the members of the battalion a handsome, beautifully inscribed saber, which he prizes very highly. In his career he has exemplified the highest type of American citizenship and

throughout the wide circle of his acquaintance he commands respect and confidence because of his sterling qualities of character and his cordial and unaffected manner.

JOHN NEWTON SINSABAUGH

John Newton Sinsabaugh, identified with the business interests of Shelton as a banker and automobile dealer, was born at Branford, Connecticut, October 1, 1870, a son of Henry J. and Adeline (Bartlett) Sinsabaugh. He is a direct descendant of Richard and Elizabeth Warren, passengers on the Mayflower that landed at Plymouth in 1620. Richard Warren was the fourteenth signer of the Mayflower compact. Another ancestor was William Leete, first colonial governor of Connecticut, from 1676 until his death in 1683. He was identified with the administration of colonial affairs from the signing of the Guilford covenant in 1639.

The youthful days of John Newton Sinsabaugh were devoted to the acquirement of a public school education and when his textbooks were put aside he entered the employ of the Howe Manufacturing Company, with which his industry and loyalty won him various promotions until he was advanced to the superintendency, in which capacity he served for twenty years or until 1910, when he resigned to establish the Cadillac and La Salle agency in Shelton. Since that time he has engaged in the sale of motor cars and has built up a business of substantial and gratifying proportions. Systematic and thorough in all that he undertakes, he is also progressive and has handled his business in a way to make it one of the important auto sales agencies of this part of the county. He is likewise a director of the Shelton Trust Company.

On the 1st of June, 1895, at Shelton, Mr. Sinsabaugh was married to Miss Lilas Chadayne and they have three children: Adeline, John Newton, Jr., and Lorain C.

Fraternally Mr. Sinsabaugh is a Mason, belonging to King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter, R. A. M.; and Union Council, R. & S. M. He is likewise identified with the Elks lodge of Derby and he is a charter member and one of the directors of the Kiwanis Club. A member of the board of trade,

he is serving on its directorate and is one of the governors of the American Automobile Association. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is an earnest worker in its ranks. Since 1921 he has been deputy judge of the city court and in 1923 he was elected on the republican ticket to the state legislature, of which he was a member for a two years' term, serving on the public health and safety committee, also on the roads, rivers and buildings committee and other important committees of the house. He closely studied the situation when any question came up for settlement and voted on the side of public progress and improvement. He has made an excellent record as a public official as well as a progressive business man and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he has depended entirely upon his own resources from an early age, building his fortunes upon the substantial foundation of industry, determination and business enterprise.

FRANK P. URSO

Some of the best citizens of Fairfield county are of Italian birth and have entered prominently into the professional, business and civic life of their respective communities. Numbered among them is Frank P. Urso, of Stamford, who, as a structural engineer and architect, is meeting with a notable measure of success. He was born in Italy on the 22d of February, 1888, a son of Louis and Teresa (Grecca) Urso. His father was born in Italy in 1841, and there acquired a good education, becoming a civil engineer. After coming to the United States he served as superintendent of road construction, and his death occurred at Port Chester, New York, January 21, 1902. He was a republican in his political alignment and was a member of the Roman Catholic church. His wife, who was born in Italy in 1855, died in Port Chester, New York, February 22, 1922.

Frank P. Urso attended the public schools of Port Chester and studied under a private tutor. His first regular position was with D. H. Ponty, architect, with whom he remained for six years, after which, for three years, he was with W. A. Ward, of Port Chester. He then became identified with the construction

business as estimator for the Whitney-Steen Company, now A. R. Whitney, and after a year in that work, entered the employ of the Austin Company, industrial engineers and builders, with whom he continued for eighteen months during the war period. He was later for two years with W. R. Phillips, industrial engineer and builder, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and in 1923 he came to Stamford and entered business for himself as a structural engineer and architect. In 1924 he moved to the Spelke building, on Main street, where he has well equipped offices. His ability gained quick recognition and he has commanded his full share of the local business in his line. Among the more prominent buildings designed by him are the following: The Connecticut Title and Guarantee Company building, in Stamford; the Grubert-Mernstein building, an office structure of Spanish design at the corner of Prospect and Forest streets, Stamford; The Bedford Apartments on the corner of Bedford and Spring streets; the Holy Ghost Fathers' Seminary, on Weed avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, a five-story brown stone structure; the Charles D. Vuono residence, an English type home on Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford; St. John's Roman Catholic church at Noroton, Connecticut; St. Rocco's Roman Catholic church, at Greenwich; the Italian Social Institute Hall on Guernsey street and the Onyx Tribe Red Men's Hall on the corner of Guernsey and Federal streets. All of his buildings are marked by an originality and harmony of design that stamp him as an artist, while his structural operations are characterized by a thoroughness and a painstaking attention to detail that have been very satisfying to his patrons.

On January 7, 1917, in Stamford, Mr. Urso was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Viggiano, who was born in this city, August 23, 1899, and is a daughter of Paul and Anna (Viggiano) Viggiano, both of whom were born in Italy and the former is now deceased. Mr. Viggiano was a republican in his political belief and was an earnest member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Urso have a son, Louis Paul, whose birth occurred in Stamford, March 5, 1918. Mrs. Urso attended the public schools of Stamford and took a course in Merrill Business College, and is now acting as stenographer for her husband. She is a member of the several church societies and local women's organizations

and is a popular member of her social circles. Mr. Urso supports the republican party and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, in the work of which he is greatly interested. During the late war he was active in promoting the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and has always shown a good citizen's interest in those things which concern the public welfare. Mr. Urso is a member of the Onyx Tribe of Red Men and the Foresters of America. He and his wife are members of St. John's Roman Catholic church, and are generous supporters of all worthy benevolent causes. Mr. Urso is a man of fine social qualities and wherever known is held in high regard. His residence is on the corner of Hubbard avenue and Bridge, a beautiful residence of Spanish architecture.

ORFEO E. PICCIRILLO

Orfeo E. Piccirillo, treasurer, secretary and general manager of the City Industrial Bank of Bridgeport, has won an enviable position among the financiers of his adopted city, his steady advancement resulting from determined purpose, close application and a laudable ambition. His life story began in the village of Troia, in the province of Foggia, Italy. He was born March 8, 1886, a son of Frank Paul and Lucia (De Biase) Piccirillo. He attended the local schools in his home neighborhood and afterward became a high school pupil at Lucera. When seventeen years of age he left home. His father, who was a gentleman farmer with a prosperous estate, sent the boy at his request to Bridgeport, Connecticut, the son wishing to carve out his own fortune and test his own powers in the business world. He arrived in this city in 1903 and immediately afterward secured employment as a laborer with the Ashcroft Manufacturing Company. While thus working he learned the English language and subsequently he spent three years with the Village Store Corporation as a clerk, in that way acquiring much knowledge which later has proved invaluable to him in carrying on the business interests under his control. In 1909 he became a salesman for the Singer Manufacturing Company, makers of sewing machines, with which he remained until 1920. In the meanwhile, in 1914,

he had established a steamship and ticket office and in 1919 he organized the City Loan Corporation, of which he became secretary, treasurer and general manager. In September, 1922, he applied for and obtained a charter for an industrial bank, the City Loan Corporation—the first institution of the kind in Connecticut. In 1927 the name was changed under act of the legislature to the City Industrial Bank, with Mr. Piccirillo as treasurer, secretary and general manager. Thus step by step he has advanced, his orderly progression bringing him to a prominent place in financial circles, his business ability and worth being demonstrated in the success which has attended his labors.

In Bridgeport, on the 19th of June, 1909, Mr. Piccirillo was married to Miss Lucy Scalzi, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Daniel and Saveria Scalzi. They now have three children: Lucille Victoria, who was born April 19, 1910, and is now a student in Saint Cecilia Conservatory in Rome, Italy; Robert, born June 4, 1912; and Lillian, born May 6, 1914.

Mr. Piccirillo has membership with the Bridgeport Foresters and was formerly secretary. He also belongs to the Sons of Italy, the Castelfranchese M. B. Society and the Bridgeport lodge of Elks. He has gained a wide acquaintance during the period of his residence in Bridgeport and won many stanch friends who recognize his sterling worth as a business man and as a citizen.

WALTER CLEVELAND ALLEN

One of Fairfield county's most important industrial enterprises is that of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, a concern which is justly famed for the high quality of its products, which are sold in every state of the Union and all foreign countries. The president of this company, Walter C. Allen, has been identified with this great enterprise from young manhood, beginning in a humble capacity and, through loyal and efficient service, being advanced through various positions to that of president, in which office he has shown outstanding ability.

Mr. Allen was born in Farmington, Hartford county, Con-

necticut, on the 9th of August, 1877, a son of George Lewis and Albina (Marble) Allen. He is a representative of an old American family, antedating the war of the Revolution, in which struggle one of his great-grandfathers, Daniel Hovey, fought and was captured by the British, being sent to Quebec, Canada. Mr. Allen's uncle, George Edward Allen, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and was killed in action. The paternal grandfather, Philander Allen, was born at Lyme, New Hampshire, of which locality he was a lifelong resident. He followed farming, and was a republican in politics. George Lewis Allen, a chemist by profession, was born at Lyme, New Hampshire, and his death occurred in Stamford, Connecticut. He was a republican in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Protestant Episcopal church. Albina (Marble) Allen was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, and died in Stamford, Connecticut. She was a daughter of Ezra Marble, who was born in Fall River, of which city he was a lifelong resident and there held a position as master mechanic for many years.

Walter C. Allen received his education in the public and high schools of Stamford and then went to work for the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company as a truck boy, which position he held for about six months, when he was promoted to clerical work in the office. Two years later he began as a toolmaker, being thus employed for four years, after which he served a similar period as a draftsman. He was then appointed assistant to the general superintendent, after which he served in succession as superintendent, general manager and vice president, and in 1915 his long and faithful service was rewarded by his election to the presidency of the company, in which capacity he is still serving. He has shown a high type of executive ability and under his leadership the great concern of which he is the head has made substantial progress in all lines, being now the leading company in its line in the world. Mr. Allen is also a director of the First-Stamford National Bank and of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts.

On April 22, 1897, in Stamford, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Susie C. Travis, who was born in Peekskill, New York, October 6, 1874, and is a daughter of William G. and Olinda (Hyatt) Travis, the former of whom was born in Peeks-

kill and died in Stamford, Connecticut, while the latter was born at Croton Lake, New York, and died in East Orange, New Jersey. Mr. Travis was a machinist by trade and was for a number of years connected with the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company, of Brooklyn, New York. He was a veteran of the Civil war; gave his political support to the republican party and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Allen, who received her educational training in the public and high schools of Stamford, is a member of the Woman's Club, the Schubert Club and the Stamford Garden Club and was active in Red Cross work during the late war. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of three children, namely: Mildred Louise, born March 18, 1898, was graduated from the Low-Heywood School for Girls in Stamford and the Skidder School of Arts, at Saratoga, New York, and is now the wife of Frederick L. Reid, of Poughkeepsie, New York, and the mother of two children, Frederick Allen and Marylin. Mary Frances, born December 25, 1908, was graduated from the Low-Heywood School for Girls at Stamford and the McLean School, in Paris, France. Walter Cleveland, Jr., born August 25, 1913, attended King's school in Stamford and is now a freshman in the Hotchkiss School for Boys at Lakeville, Connecticut.

In his political views Mr. Allen is a republican and has always shown a live interest in public affairs. During the World war he took a leading part in promoting the first Red Cross drive in Stamford and later entered his country's service, enlisting in October, 1917, and being honorably discharged in March, 1919. He was a casual officer with the rank of major in the overseas air service and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M.; Puritan Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F.; the Suburban Club of Stamford; the Stamford Yacht Club; the Engineers Club, the Lotus Club and the Uptown Club, all of New York city; the Woodway Golf Club and the High Ridge Golf Club, both of Stamford; the Stamford Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. As an active diversion from the routine of business, Mr. Allen indulges in farming, being the owner of a country place of one hundred and forty acres, on which he finds an agreeable opportunity for recreation. The splendid success which

has come to Mr. Allen is directly traceable to the salient points in his character, for he started his business career at the bottom of the ladder, which he has mounted through the force of his industry, loyalty and efficiency. He is a splendid example of the virile, progressive, self-made man, who does thoroughly whatever he undertakes, and he has well merited the high place which he now holds in the business world.

ROBERT LINTON CHAMBERLAIN

The constructive faculties have predominated in the career of Robert Linton Chamberlain, a successful business man and financier, to whom Greenwich is largely indebted for its upbuilding and prosperity. His breadth of view has enabled him to recognize possibilities not only for his own advancement but also for his city's development, and his loyalty and public spirit have prompted him to utilize the latter as quickly and as effectively as the former. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1871, his parents being Robert Linton and Ellen Steele (Perkins) Chamberlain, the former a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Robert L. Chamberlain, Jr., was a pupil in the public schools of his native city and attended the Knapp school in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Going to California, he continued his studies in the Belmont school near San Mateo and returned to the east after his education was completed. For a time he lived in Mamaroneck, New York, and then came to Connecticut, becoming vice president of the old First National Bank of Greenwich. Afterward he was associated with the Aetna National Bank of New York city for three years and on the expiration of that period returned to Greenwich, where he has since resided. Opening an office in the Smith building, he organized the Greenwich Real Estate Company, of which he was elected president, and under his guidance the firm developed what is now known as the Putman Terrace property as well as several other important tracts, doing much to improve and beautify the city. In 1914 Mr. Chamberlain enlarged his field of action by identifying him-

self with the banking interests of Greenwich and in association with others he organized the Putnam Trust Company, an enterprise which prospered from the start. In 1916 he was elected to the office of president and has since been at the head of the institution, whose growth he has fostered by the adoption of a broad policy of cooperation and the protection of the interests of its stockholders and depositors. The institution, which reflects his high standards of service, has gained the confidence of the community as a result of strict adherence to those principles which characterize sound commercial banking, and today has a capital of four hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Chamberlain is also president of the Putnam Cemetery Association, the Title Insurance & Mortgage Company of Stamford and the Greenwich Cab Company, all of which have profited by his administrative power and rare judgment, and he is likewise a director of the Mead Stationery Company.

Mr. Chamberlain was married in August, 1892, in Mamaroneck, New York, to Miss Rose I. Brady, a daughter of John F. and Ann Brady. Robert Linton Chamberlain (III), the only child of this marriage, was born September 21, 1893, and received his higher education in the Storr Agricultural College. During the World war he enlisted in the United States army and was assigned to duty with Squadron A, which was attached to the Twenty-seventh Division. His term of service covered seventeen months, nine of which were spent with the American Expeditionary Force. He is now connected with the Title Insurance & Mortgage Company of Stamford.

Robert L. Chamberlain (II) is prominent in Masonic affairs, belonging to Acacia Lodge, No. 85, F. & A. M.; Armour Chapter, R. A. M., of Port Chester, New York, of which he is a charter member; Lafayette Council, R. & S. M., of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Bethlehem Commandery, K. T., of Mount Vernon, New York; and Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine of New York city. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated by his connection with the Coscob Tennis Club, the Riverside and Indian Harbor Yacht Clubs and the Sound Beach and Greenwich Country Clubs. He was one of the founders of Greenwich Hospital and is chairman of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, a director of the Greenwich Social Service Society and secretary of the Greenwich highway com-

mission. Mr. Chamberlain is always found in the van of movements for the general good and his loyalty and patriotism were particularly manifested during the World war when, in addition to his support of all the relief and social organizations, he served on the Greenwich war bureau as chairman of the citizens committee and as chairman of the instruction committee of the local draft board. To the exacting duties of these positions he gave liberally of his time and effort. His activities have touched life at many points and his career has been a constantly expanding force for good citizenship.

JOHN WILEY ANDERSON

John Wiley Anderson, president of the Plastic Moulding Corporation of Newtown, was born in White Hall, Baltimore county, Maryland, October 17, 1896, and is a son of Marion and Caroline (Wiley) Anderson. His early educational opportunities were supplemented by a course of study in the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, which he attended for two years, after which he entered the College of Engineering of the University of Maryland and completed his course as a member of the class of 1913, receiving the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He then entered the employ of the Crown Cork & Seal Company of Baltimore in order to gain a knowledge of the practical side of tool making and was thus employed for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he went to the Bartlett-Hayward Company as superintendent of production and later he became connected with the Wright Roller Bearing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At a subsequent date he accepted the position of factory superintendent with the American Insulation Company of Philadelphia and in 1928 he became president and general manager of the Plastic Moulding Corporation at Sandy Hook, Newtown, Connecticut.

In February, 1927, at Danbury, Connecticut, Mr. Anderson married Miss Marion Bloom and they are already widely and favorably known in Newtown. In a review of the life record of Mr. Anderson it will be seen that each step in his business career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. His labors have resulted beneficially to every or-

ganization with which he has been associated and through study and experience his efforts have continuously expanded in scope and importance.

ELIJAH HOLBROOK

Elijah Holbrook, an influential citizen of Bridgeport, has won a gratifying measure of success in the shoe business and as an enterprising merchant he has furthered the commercial development of several cities in Fairfield county, while his activities have also extended beyond the boundaries of the state. He was born in Randolph, Vermont, September 29, 1855, a son of Caleb and Nancy (Thayer) Holbrook, the former a native of Braintree, Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Randolph, in the Green Mountain state. The father was a stanch republican and served in the state legislature of Massachusetts. For several years he was postmaster of Ashland, Massachusetts, and his life was guided by the teachings of the Baptist church. He remained in Ashland until his death and his wife also passed away in that town.

In the acquirement of an education Elijah Holbrook attended a boarding school at West Newton, Massachusetts, and his first position was that of clerk in a grocery store at Uxbridge, that state. Afterward he learned the shoe business and for thirty years was a traveling salesman for Hosmer, Codding & Company of Boston. He covered a wide territory and was one of the most successful representatives of the house. While thus engaged he established retail shoe stores in Bridgeport, Greenwich, Danbury and Manchester, Connecticut, and Worcester, Massachusetts. For several years Mr. Holbrook was the proprietor of these establishments and developed a business of extensive proportions. He has discontinued all of the stores in the chain except the one in Danbury, which he has owned and operated since 1886, a period of forty-three years. He carries a general line of shoes and conducts the leading establishment of the kind in the city as well as one of its oldest stores, enjoying an enviable reputation as a merchant, for his dealings have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honor. Mr. Holbrook is exceptionally well informed on matters pertaining to the shoe industry,

of which he has made a life study, noting with deep interest the various stages in its development.

On the 22d of November, 1875, Mr. Holbrook was married in Keene, New Hampshire, to Miss Lena Clark, a native of that place, where she was reared and educated. In the paternal line she is descended from Captain Asia Ware, who was an American officer in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Holbrook's father, Alson L. Clark, was a lifelong resident of Keene, was a painter and decorator and gave his political support to the democratic party. His wife, Eva (Leonard) Clark, was born in Virginia and passed away in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have a daughter, Madge E., who was born in Melrose, Massachusetts. She was educated in the grammar and high schools of Bridgeport and resides in the family home at No. 1108 Fairfield avenue.

Mr. Holbrook is a Congregationalist in religious faith and his wife also attends that church. In politics he follows an independent course and votes for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office. For a number of years he was president of the Bridgeport Club and holds a life membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Improved Order of Red Men. His leisure hours are devoted to reading and he also enjoys motoring. His prosperity has resulted from concentrated effort and good management and his personal characteristics are such as inspire esteem and friendship.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ROSEVELT

It has been truly said that time is the measuring rod which proves the worth of each individual, and judged by this test, George Washington Rosevelt was a man of exceptional worth. In him the subjective and objective forces of life were well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, and at the same time he was thoroughly appreciative of his opportunities and his obligations. As a shipbuilder he was a dominant figure in business circles of New York city and although his residence in Stamford covered but a brief period, his admirable qualities were widely recognized.

A native of Plattsburg, New York, Mr. Rosevelt was born July 20, 1824, a son of Solomon and Hester Ann (Smith) Rosevelt, and represented one of the old Knickerbocker families of that state. He was the seventh in line of descent from Claes Martenszen Van Rosenvelt, who left Holland in August, 1649, in company with his wife, Jannetje (Samuel Thomas) Van Rosenvelt, and settled in New Amsterdam, now New York city, being the first of that name in this country. The family early obtained a large grant of land in New York city, extending from Chatham street to the East river and lying between Pearl, Roosevelt and Catherine streets, a district originally called Rutger's old farm.

Nicholas, the elder son of Claes M. Rosenvelt, was a bolter and followed that trade in New York city. On the 23d of August, 1698, he was admitted a freeman. In 1701 he was allied with the Leislerian party and although a burgher he espoused the cause of the colonists in the contest with the mother country. From 1698 to 1701 he was a member of the board of aldermen and in 1715 was reelected to that office as the representative from the West ward. He remained a resident of New York city until his demise, which occurred on the 30th of July, 1742. His wife was Heyltje Jans (Kunst) Rosevelt and they became the parents of Nicholas Rosevelt (II). He was a goldsmith and became a freeman March 20, 1738, or 1739. He married Sarah Fulman and their son, Nicholas Rosevelt (III), was baptized February 16, 1715, in the Dutch Reformed church of New York city. In 1740 he was admitted a freeman and during the Revolutionary war he was a first lieutenant in the Corsicans, one of the militia companies formed in preparation for the approaching conflict of 1775. These men wore on their short green coats a red heart of tin, bearing the words "God and the Right." Their small round hats had a cock on one side and around the crown was the inscription "Liberty or Death." Nicholas Rosevelt (III) also enlisted in the Albany company of militia and served with the First Regiment. On November 23, 1754, he was married in the Reformed Dutch church of New York to Elizabeth Thurman, who was baptized May 9, 1725, and they became the parents of Nicholas Rosevelt (IV), who was baptized October 11, 1758, in New York city. He married Betsy English and they resided in Stillwater, Saratoga county, New York. Their son, Solomon Rosevelt, was born

in Fishhouse, New York, now a part of Saratoga, November 17, 1778, and remained in that state until his death on March 15, 1832. His wife, Hester Ann Smith, was born September 6, 1796, in Chazy, New York, and passed away at Syracuse, that state, April 19, 1893.

Their son, George W. Rosevelt, was educated in Plattsburg and when a young man went to New York city. Starting at the bottom, he worked his way steadily upward and eventually became a member of the firm of Rosevelt & Griffith, shipbuilders. Endowed with rare judgment and executive ability of a high order, he created an industry of large proportions and remained at its head until 1893. A large sailing vessel was named for him and a picture of this ship is among the treasured possessions of the family. He was also identified with financial affairs and served on the directorate of the Farmers & Traders Bank of New York city. In 1893 he retired from business and established his home in Stamford, where he passed away November 7, 1894, at the age of seventy years.

On March 7, 1843, Mr. Rosevelt had married Miss Mary C. Young, a daughter of William Young of New York city, and his second union was with Miss Sallie Hubbard, to whom he was married January 25, 1893. She was born November 26, 1850, in Stamford, was educated in private schools of the city, and passed away August 4, 1928, in the city which had always been her home. She was of English and French lineage, the daughter of George McKay and Rachel June Hubbard and a descendant of George Hubbard, who came to this country in 1633 and married Mary Bishop. The Hubbard family is one of the oldest and most prominent of western Connecticut. An old mill in the Riverbank section, a well preserved farmhouse, a golf club bearing the name of the family and covering some of the acres once included in the Hubbard farm, two streets—Hubbard avenue and Hubbard's Hill—and a section of the city known as Hubbard Heights all bear witness to the prominence of the family in this section of Fairfield county. The American progenitor of the family, George Hubbard, settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, on his arrival from England in 1633 and married Mary Bishop, daughter of John and Anne Bishop. On October 15, 1635, George Hubbard with his family migrated "towards Connecticut with their cows,

horses and swine and after a tedious and difficult journey arrived safe there," Wethersfield, Connecticut, having been their destination. They resided there for about three years, during which time there are recorded many Indian transactions in which George Hubbard was mentioned, and he was also a member of the general court. On November 20, 1639, he moved with his family from Wethersfield southward to the shore of Long Island Sound and settled in Milford, being assigned Milford Island as his grant. He was admitted to church there January 15, 1644. Before 1650 he sold Milford Island and moved to Guilford, where he was admitted to church membership October 6, 1650. He was a deputy magistrate during the years 1652, 1655, 1657, 1658, 1660, 1662, 1665 and 1666. In 1666-7 he was a member of the assembly of the Hartford and New Haven colonies. In May, 1670, the court invested him with authority to "joyne persons in Marriage." A man of high standing and prominent in the politics of his time, he died in Guilford in January, 1683.

His youngest son, William Hubbard, was born in Milford, Connecticut, in 1642, married Abigail Dudley and removed to Greenwich, Connecticut, before 1664. He was one of twenty-seven proprietors of 1672 who bought "Miosehasseky," a tract known as Horse Neck and later West Greenwich, from the Indians. He removed to Stamford and died in 1684. His eldest son, William, Jr., born in 1670, married Hannah Mead and died in 1723.

Abraham Hubbard, one of the sons of William Hubbard, Jr., married Abigail Rose, of Guilford, and died in Greenwich in 1780. His eldest son, Abraham Hubbard (II), was born in Greenwich in 1729 and married Sarah Jenkins. Their eldest son was Henry Hubbard, who was born in 1751 and died in 1825. In 1771 he had married Lydia Dickson, who was born in 1748 and died August 18, 1784.

Nathaniel Hubbard, eldest son of Henry and Lydia (Dickson) Hubbard, was born March 9, 1772, and was a physician and a miller. He married Mary McKay and they became the parents of six sons and six daughters, their seventh child being George McKay Hubbard, who was born June 10, 1810. He married Rachel June, May 4, 1835, and they were the parents of Emily Hubbard, who for seventy-five years has been a resident of the Hubbard farmhouse and is the last to bear the name of this illustrious family. She was born November 23, 1838, and had

one brother, George William, now deceased, and a sister, Sallie (Hubbard) Rosevelt.

Three brothers of George McKay Hubbard—Alexander, John Wheaton and William—owned lands adjoining the Hubbard farm and were prominent citizens of Stamford throughout their entire lives. They died leaving no descendants.

Henry Hubbard, the great-grandfather of Miss Emily Hubbard, served as a private in the Ninth Regiment of Connecticut during the Revolutionary war and the members of the family living at the time of the Civil war were stanch supporters of the Union cause. The farmhouse of the Hubbard family opened its doors to George Washington on his trip from New York to Boston and in it Lafayette was entertained over night. For many years after the death of George McKay Hubbard his daughter Emily had entire charge of the operation of the farm of several hundred acres and throughout her long life she has stood for all that is noble and upright in womanhood, supporting all right endeavors on the part of her fellowmen and lending a helping hand to many along life's highway.

The only other living descendant of the Hubbard line is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rosevelt, Emily Hubbard Rosevelt, who was born December 19, 1893, and completed a course in the Low-Heywood School of Stamford. Afterward she attended the Gardner School in New York city and was graduated from the Pratt Business College. She was trained in secretarial work but did not follow that line of activity. Instead she began the cultivation of her voice in New York city under the instruction of Florence Wessell and has appeared in opera and on the concert stage in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other large cities of this country. Her talents have placed her with the celebrities of the world of music and she is known by the stage name of Emily Rosevelt. At first she was a member of the choir of the Congregational church of Stamford and for three years was soloist in the Universalist church of this city. For four years she sang in the First Presbyterian church of Stamford and is now soloist in the Third Church of Christ, Scientist, in New York city. On November 24, 1925, she was united in marriage to Archibald McIntyre Cook, then a resident of Stamford and now engaged in the insurance business in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are identified with the Stamford Yacht Club and the Hubbard

Heights Golf Club. She is also a member of the Business & Professional Women's Club of Stamford; the Woman's and Schubert Clubs of this city; the Connecticut and National Federations of Music Clubs; Stamford Chapter, D. A. R., and likewise belongs to the society of Daughters of 1812. During the World war she was active in Red Cross work and devoted much time to patriotic service. Mrs. Cook is an artist of high standing and one of the brightest stars in Connecticut's constellation of women.

George W. Rosevelt joined the New York National Guard and served throughout the Civil war as a quartermaster. While a resident of New York city he became a Mason and was also a member of the Stamford Yacht Club. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. He possessed that keen sense of honor which is the vital essence of the gentleman and by nature was charitable and unselfish. His success was rated not alone by material gain but also by the high regard which he won, and although many years have elapsed since his death, his memory is still fresh in the hearts of those who were privileged to know him.

WILLIAM HENRY BRETTMAN

Among the officers who are responsible for the success and prestige of the Putnam Trust Company, none is better known or enjoys a higher reputation than William Henry Brettman, its treasurer, who has devoted his life to financial affairs, owing his progress to proven worth and ability. He was born in New York city on the 8th of September, 1888, and is a son of Frederick John Brettman, a native of the same city. The father was long identified with municipal affairs and at the time of his retirement in 1911 was auditor of accounts for the borough of Manhattan. The mother, Minnie Eudora (Larke) Brettman, was also born in the Empire state and passed away in 1916.

William H. Brettman received his public school education in his native city and attended the American Institute of Banking. He also took other special courses, including those branches of the law that have a bearing on his work. In 1903, when a youth of fifteen, he became a clerk in the Fourth National Bank of New

York city and during the eleven years of his connection therewith he filled various positions, including that of transit manager. In 1913 the Fourth National Bank was purchased by the Metals National Bank, with which Mr. Brettman continued for a time, and in June, 1914, he came to Greenwich as a teller in the bank of the Putnam Trust Company. A year later he was elected treasurer and has since filled that office. His knowledge of financial matters is comprehensive and exact and through efficient, systematic work he has effectively broadened the scope of the institution, whose executives have always adhered to the highest standards of banking practice, thereby inspiring public trust and confidence.

Mr. Brettman was married October 15, 1912, to Miss Annette Ackerman, a daughter of Julian and Cora (Hollister) Ackerman, of New York city. To them has been born one child, Marjorie Annette, who is twelve years of age. The parents are affiliated with Christ Episcopal church and closely follow its teachings. Mr. Brettman belongs to the Rotary Club and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is an exemplary representative of the order and a useful and influential citizen, at his best in solving the intricate problems of modern finance.

FRANK K. WATSON

Standing in the front rank of the able and successful educators of Fairfield county, Frank K. Watson has for the past eight years rendered effective and appreciated service as superintendent of the schools of Danbury and has won an enviable place in public esteem. He was born in Yorktown, New Jersey, on the 22nd of September, 1875, and is a son of J. S. and Elizabeth (Keeley) Watson, the former of whom was born in Alloway, New Jersey, and the latter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of his native town and prepared for college at Bridgetown Academy, Bridgetown, New Jersey. He entered Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898, receiving also his Master's degree from his alma mater in 1899. He then went abroad and studied at the University fo Goettingen, in Germany, during

1899 and 1900, and on his return home became connected with Jenner's Preparatory School for Boys in Syracuse, New York, where he remained as a teacher until 1903. He then accepted the position of principal of the high school at Plattsburg, New York, serving two years, when he was made superintendent of the schools of that city, in which capacity he served for fifteen years. In July, 1920, he came to Danbury as superintendent of the public schools, and the type of service which he has rendered here has stamped him as a man of broad vision, definite views and splendid executive ability. A strong advocate of better schools, he took an active interest in the building of the new high school at Plattsburg and was influential in securing the erection of the new high school building in Danbury.

On June 30, 1909, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Holmes, also of New Jersey, and a daughter of L. D. and Ada (Seaver) Holmes. To this union have been born two sons, Robert K., born in Plattsburg, New York, March 22, 1913, was graduated from the Danbury high school and is now a student in Princeton University John Holmes was born in Plattsburg in 1917.

Mr. Watson is a charter member of the Ridgewood Country Club of Danbury, and belongs to the Rotary Club. His religious membership is with St. James Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. A well educated symmetrically developed man, of scholarly tastes and studious habits, he keeps abreast of the times in advanced educational methods, and his accomplishments have earned for him a deservedly conspicuous place among those who are promoting the welfare of the youth of Fairfield county. Kindly and genial in manner and maintaining a sympathetic interest in the student body, he is extremely popular and has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout this community.

FLORENCE LOUISE HAMILTON

In a class by itself would be an apt descriptive phrase in referring to Hamilton's Gift Shop, at 49 Wall street, Norwalk, which is owned and managed by Miss Florence Louise Hamilton. In several respects this shop is distinctive and has become one of

Norwalk's most popular stores. Miss Hamilton has exercised such unusual judgment in its arrangement and furnishing, has been so diligent and discriminating as a buyer and has rendered such prompt, courteous and efficient service that she makes business friends of all who enter her place.

Miss Hamilton was born in South Norwalk, Connecticut, in January, 1887, and is a daughter of James and Rose (Walsh) Hamilton. The father was engaged in the restaurant business but is now deceased. The mother is a sister of the late Judge John J. Walsh. Miss Hamilton received her early education in the public schools of her home city and had two years' work in Columbia University. She then entered the law office of Walsh & Hubbell in the Gazette building, the senior partner being her uncle, Judge Walsh, and she remained with the firm until its dissolution, in 1917. Soon afterward she was appointed chief clerk of the third district draft board in Bridgeport, the duties of which position she discharged with the same energy and accuracy which had made her so valuable an assistant in the law office. In the course of her connection with the draft board, Miss Hamilton made an exhaustive study of the many knotty problems presented by the selective draft law and soon came to be recognized as an authority on the subject by manufacturers and others who employed large numbers of men affected by the draft, as well as by the majority of attorneys in the various cities within the jurisdiction of the board. This district board handled twenty thousand exemptions in sixty-six weeks of service and Miss Hamilton, as chief clerk, served faithfully and without intermission from July, 1917, to May, 1919, by her knowledge, quick comprehension and sound judgment saving employers and lawyers much time and trouble.

On the completion of this work, Miss Hamilton returned to South Norwalk and bought the William P. Beers stationery and book store, of which she took possession May 12, 1919. She immediately made a thorough renovation of the store, which is advantageously located next door to the railroad station, and she also made interior changes. Success attended her efforts from the start and by 1921, due to the rapid growth of the business, she was occupying the entire building. She put in a new and artistic stairway leading from the store proper to the second floor,

and the entire building is now a model of neatness and accessibility.

On June 11, 1920, Miss Hamilton broadened her field of operations by opening a fine new Victor department, at which time she established in the service department three sound-proof booths, handsomely fitted up with wicker chairs and benches, and with racks bearing many of the latest records and lists of all records. Another forward step was taken January 26, 1925, with the installation of a radio department in connection with the Victor department. She was the pioneer in this city in establishing a Victor agency and in many ways she has given evidence of her progressive spirit. A noteworthy event, March 30, 1927, was a Beethoven concert at the Hamilton Gift Shop, which was greatly enjoyed by over seventy-five lovers of good music, who were accommodated in the store. A large orthophonic was placed on the stairway platform and a number of Beethoven's most famous compositions were played on the Victrola in memory of the centenary of the death of the great composer, who was born in Bonn, Germany, December 16, 1770, and died March 26, 1827. Miss Hamilton added to the interest of the occasion by giving a brief description of each composition as the record was placed in the machine.

On March 11, 1926, Miss Bessie R. Hamilton, sister of Miss Florence Hamilton and who for many years had served as assistant bookkeeper in the office of the R. & G. Corset Company, resigned to accept a position in the Hamilton Gift Shop. She is giving her attention chiefly to the activities of the first floor, particularly in the Victrola and stationery departments. She has also written many of the verses for gift cards—Easter, Christmas, birthday and congratulatory cards. The Hamilton Gift Shop is today one of the most complete stationery, gift and music establishments in the state.

Miss Florence Hamilton is one of the few women in the state of Connecticut to be elected to the office of justice of the peace. While a nomination to that office is equivalent to an election, those who know and appreciate her unusual qualifications for the position made assurance doubly sure through the votes of many republican friends, so that she ran far ahead of her ticket in every ward, beating some of her democratic colleagues, five of whom were lawyers, by nearly one hundred votes and polled the third

highest vote on the democratic ticket. In addition to her mental qualifications and natural alertness and discernment, she had received valuable legal training, first as stenographer for the law firm of Walsh & Hubbell, later as private secretary to Judge Walsh after his elevation to the bench, and as court stenographer in many important cases. The Hamilton Gift Shop is on the site of the old Selleck book store, the first of its kind to be established in Norwalk and conducted by the late Andrew Selleck, who as a justice of the peace, a half century ago, decided many local cases in the little office at the rear of the store where Miss Hamilton also had her justice's desk.

Miss Hamilton attributes much of her success to the helpful influence of her uncle, the late popular and beloved Judge John J. Walsh, who passed away in November, 1926. The Judge was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, October 5, 1857, and moved with his family to Norwalk at an early date. He attended the public schools there and later began to learn the trade of a mason. All through his apprenticeship he was studying law with Joseph Barber, who had his office in the old Fairfield County National Bank building. On June 30, 1880, when twenty-two years of age, he was admitted to the bar, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession. He practiced alone for several years and on January 1, 1903, formed a partnership with Judge James T. Hubbell, an association which continued until July 1, 1917. In 1912 Edward J. Quinlan, one of the youngest lawyers of the state, became associated with Walsh & Hubbell. Judge Walsh served his city for several terms, though not consecutively, as corporation counsel and prosecuting attorney. He also served as counsel for the bridge construction committee during its several years of laborious work in building the Washington street bridge over Norwalk harbor. He lent his efforts and influence to procure from the state the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars in aid of that project, that being the first time under the law that a Connecticut town received monetary assistance from the state in erecting a bridge. Judge Walsh also served Norwalk as an active working member of the building committee of the handsome new Norwalk Hospital, and he delivered a notable address at the laying of the cornerstone of that building.

Judge Walsh was very active in political affairs, both in his home town and state. He was for some time chairman of the democratic state central committee and was a delegate to many democratic conventions, city, town, county, district, state and national. On nomination by Governor Simeon E. Baldwin and election by the state legislature, Judge Walsh took his place on the bench of the Fairfield county criminal common pleas court July 1, 1913, for a four-year term, and he was renominated by Governor Holcomb and reelected for a second term. In June, 1917, he was selected for the chairmanship on the third district board of appeals. Judge Walsh was a lover of nature and always had a fondness for Long Island sound boating and fishing. He was a member of Norwalk Lodge, No. 709, B. P. O. E.; the Norwalk Club and the Catholic Club and was a director of the Norwalk Hospital Association.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER COLE

Charles Schneider Cole, a well known representative of educational interests in Newtown, where he is conducting the Newtown Academy, an institution that has figured largely in the training of the young for important positions in life, was born in Paterson, New Jersey, February 17, 1886, a son of William T. and Susan M. (Winters) Cole. The father is president of the Fabric Fire Hose Company and one of the leading citizens of Newtown.

Charles S. Cole attended the private schools of Brooklyn, New York, also the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Pratt Institute of that city, and Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. Following the completion of his studies he became connected with the New York Edison Company. He was later associated with the New York Edison Company for two years and subsequently was engaged as the manufacturer of storage batteries in Newtown, purchasing an interest in the Premier Manufacturing Company. This business liquidated in 1925, after which Mr. Cole went to Boston as manager of the Boston branch of the Elliott-Fisher Company, continuing there for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Newtown and became business manager of the Newtown Academy.

On the 22d of March, 1907, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Mr.

Cole was married to Miss Lois S. Hewitt and they have had four children: Dorothy, now deceased; William; Catherine; and Susie. Mr. Cole belongs to Hiram Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M.; and Hiram Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., and is a faithful follower of the teachings of Masonry. His activities and interests have been of varied character, bringing him wide experiences and fitting him for thorough understanding of the demands of the business world, so that he is able to conduct the Newtown Academy in a manner to meet these demands. He finds in his present business connection a congenial field of labor and one which is bringing to him a gratifying measure of success.

WILLIAM HOMER HUBBELL

William Homer Hubbell, who was long actively and prominently associated with commercial and financial interests in Newtown, was born June 5, 1841, and died in 1912. In tracing the Hubbell ancestral history it is learned that Richard Hubbell, who was born in Redditch, Worcestershire, England, in 1626, crossed the Atlantic between 1645 and 1647, just as he was approaching manhood. On the 7th of March of the latter year he took the oath of fidelity to the government of the New Haven colony and on the 25th of February, 1654, he was admitted as a planter into the settlement at Guilford, Connecticut. In 1664 he removed to Fairfield, where he became an extensive land owner. He died October 23, 1699. In 1650 he had married Elizabeth Meigs, a granddaughter of Vincent Meigs, who was born in Dorsetshire, England, and was one of the early settlers of Weymouth, Massachusetts. Their family numbered four children, the line of descent coming down through their son Samuel, who was born at Guilford, Connecticut, November 6, 1657, and died September 18, 1713. He was married April 4, 1687, to Elizabeth Wilson, who died January 4, 1688, leaving one son, Benoni. On the 17th of April, 1688, Samuel Hubbell married Temperance Preston and their family numbered ten children. Stephen Hubbell, son of Samuel, was born in 1695 and passed most of his life in Stratford, where he died April 20, 1792. He was married January 10, 1720, to Abigail Squire, by whom he had three sons. Of these Nehemiah Hubbell was born in 1722, living most of his life in the town

of Weston, Fairfield county. His wife was Hannah Treadwell and their family numbered eleven children, including Billy Hubbell, who was born in 1759 and died in 1848. He married Mary Booth and had three children. Jeremiah Hubbell, who was born in 1787 and died in 1852, married Marcia Toucey of Newtown, Connecticut.

Hon. William Hubbell, one of the six children of Jeremiah and Marcia (Toucey) Hubbell, was born July 30, 1814, at Stepney, Connecticut, and ere he attained his majority learned the blacksmith's trade. For some years he traveled in North Carolina and Virginia, where he engaged in selling "Yankee notions," but because of the financial panic of 1857, which caused a great slump in his patronage, he sold out there and resumed work as a blacksmith, continuing in that business throughout his remaining days. Politically he was a democrat and was called upon to represent his town in the state legislature, where he made a creditable record for fidelity and loyalty to the best interests of community and commonwealth. He died May 25, 1869. His first wife, Jane Eliza Winton, was a daughter of Mercena Winton. They were married August 20, 1840, and she died January 30, 1861. Three years later, on January 31, 1864, William Hubbell married Maria Williams.

William Homer Hubbell was the eldest of four children born of his father's first marriage. He attended the local schools and afterward engaged in teaching, conducting a school for one year at Afton, Chenango county, New York. He then returned home, where he continued for a short time, but a little later removed to Brooklyn, New York, where he secured employment in the hat factory of James H. Prentice, occupying the position of foreman for three years. Ill health caused him to discontinue this work and he became connected with F. W. Beers & Company as a map maker, representing that firm in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and in other districts. He first acted as a canvasser and later as collector, thus continuing from 1865 until 1875. In the latter year he located in Newtown, Connecticut, where he and his brother-in-law, Cornelius B. Taylor, purchased the coal and feed business of Jabez Botsford. This proved a successful venture and was continued by them until 1910. Mr. Hubbell was a member of the board of trustees of the Newtown Savings Bank.

In 1865 Mr. Hubbell was married to Miss Sarah J. Brisco, daughter of Harvey Brisco, of Newtown. She died February 21,

1892, and on the 2d of April, 1895, Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Taylor. The children of his first marriage were four in number: Frederick Brisco, of Westport, Connecticut; Mary Josephine, deceased; Nellie Caroline, deceased; and Herbert Carlton, of Newtown, Connecticut.

Mr. Hubbell was always keenly interested in matters of general moment and he gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. He served as a member of the state legislature in 1885 and 1886 and in 1896 was elected first selectman on a citizens' ticket and served one year, declining renomination. He discharged his public duties with the same thoroughness and care which marked the conduct of his private business interests and he ever placed the public good before personal aggrandizement. He was identified with the Masonic fraternity, being at the time of his death the oldest member of Fortitude Lodge, No. 19, F. & A. M. of Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE MERWIN STUART

George Merwin Stuart, owner of the Leonard Insurance Agency and teller in the Newtown Savings Bank, was born in Newtown, March 6, 1898, a son of George W. and Amelia (Thornhill) Stuart. The father played a prominent part in the building of Newtown and its substantial development and here passed away in 1923, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died at the age of fifty-seven and they were laid to rest on the same day.

George M. Stuart completed his education at the Newtown high school and in 1917 entered the Newtown Savings Bank in the position of teller. He has since been identified with this institution, this being one phase of his business activity. In April, 1919, he purchased the Leonard Insurance Agency, which he conducts in conjunction with his duties in the bank. He is also the secretary of the Plastic Moulding Corporation and treasurer of the Newtown Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stuart is always alert to every opportunity for progress and business expansion and is reaching out along constantly broadening lines whereby he contributes to community progress and development as well as to the upbuilding of his own fortunes.

On the 18th of June, 1921, at Greenwich, Connecticut, Mr. Stuart was married to Miss Florence Elizabeth Sutphin, a daughter of John and Rose Sutphin. Mr. Stuart is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; the Newtown Country Club; and also is a member of Trinity Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman.

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WILLIAM H. CABLE

For thirty years William H. Cable has successfully engaged in the practice of law in Danbury, filling important offices in the line of his profession and in other connections and thus rendering effective public service. He was born in this city on the 9th of April, 1876, a son of Elmer O. and Sarah (Theall) Cable, the former a native of Danbury and the latter of Croton Falls, New York. After his graduation from the Danbury high school he attended the Yale Law School and was admitted to the bar in Danbury, January 25, 1898. Since that date Mr. Cable has continuously followed his profession in this city, and has an office at No. 248 Main street. He has won a large and remunerative clientele, and his advancement at the bar has resulted from close observance, correct application of legal principles and ability to present his contention in the strongest possible light. From 1900 to 1905 he was assistant prosecuting attorney, afterward becoming United States commissioner for the district of which Danbury is the center, and is still the incumbent of that office, for which he possesses exceptional qualifications.

Mr. Cable was married, September 19, 1912, in Danbury, to Miss Arline D. Dunaway and they now have two children: William H., Jr., a youth of sixteen and a pupil in the Danbury high school; and Constance Theall, aged five years. Mr. Cable is affiliated with the First Congregational church and endeavors to exemplify its teachings in his daily life. In Connecticut politics he has long exerted a strong and beneficial influence and is a member of the state central committee of the democratic party. Since 1905 he has served on the town board of finance and has been a member of the town school committee for fifteen years, discharging his duties in a manner that has won for him the

highest commendation. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Danbury Club, the Ridgewood Country Club and the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Bar Associations. Mr. Cable maintains the dignity and honor of his profession and his record is a matter of pride to Danbury's citizens, who have watched his career with deep interest.

SAMUEL A. BLACKMAN

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose, and such was the widespread feeling when Samuel A. Blackman of Hawleyville departed this life. He had been a substantial and valued resident of his community, widely known as a reliable business man and as a progressive citizen. He always stood for and supported the best interests of the community and his worth was widely acknowledged. He was born at Brookfield, Connecticut, July 10, 1851, and was a young lad when his parents removed with their family to Newtown, where he attended the schools of the Taunton district. When he had completed his education he obtained a clerkship in Taylor's general store at Newtown and there applied himself so diligently to his tasks that he soon became familiar with commercial methods and was well qualified to conduct a store of his own when three years later he began merchandising at Hawleyville. There he remained for twenty years and at the end of that period erected a new building adjacent to the railroad tracks, in which he installed an attractive line of general merchandise, continuing in the business until three years prior to his death. He early recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and he did everything in his power to meet the demands of the trade. He also became extensively interested in real estate development and built and owned most of the dwellings and business blocks in the village. He also built and conducted a hotel at Hawleyville, carrying this on in addition to the management of his store until the hotel was destroyed by fire.

At Hawleyville Mr. Blackman was married to Miss Anna A. Barnum, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Osborne) Barnum. Her father was a native of New Fairfield, Connecticut, whence

he removed to Hawleyville when Mrs. Blackman was a child. He conducted a general store until the marriage of his daughter to Mr. Blackman, when he turned the store over to them and retired from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman became the parents of two sons: Dr. Claude B. Blackman, of New Milford, who married Clara Williams and has two children, Clara and Gordon; and Frank, who married Florence Edwards and has two children, Allen E. and Doris.

Mr. Blackman took an active and prominent part in community affairs and his cooperation could be counted upon to further any project for the general good. In fact he was an acknowledged leader in the community and his advocacy of any public measure drew to it further support because of his influence and the confidence which his fellow townsmen had in his judgment. He was a prominent worker in republican ranks and was called to a number of town offices, serving for nine years as a selectman. His record was ever one of fidelity to duty, whether in office, in business or in family relations, and the sterling worth of his character made him a citizen whom to know was to respect and honor. He was nearing the sixty-seventh milestone on life's journey when death called him, June 6, 1918.

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JUDGE WILLIAM J. BEECHER

There are few men of Newtown who have so uniformly commanded the honor and respect of their fellow citizens as did Judge William J. Beecher, for many years a capable lawyer and distinguished jurist, a successful business man and a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Connecticut was proud to number him among her native sons. He was born in Bridgeport on the 5th of March, 1859, and in his early youth his parents, John and Margaret Beecher, removed to Easton, where he pursued his studies in the district schools until he enrolled as a pupil in the Staples Academy of that place. A careful mental review of the broad field of business activity brought him to the decision that he wished to become a member of the legal profession and with this end in view he entered the Yale Law School, in which he pur-

sued the regular course of study, being graduated with the class of 1880.

On the 1st of July of the same year Mr. Beecher was admitted to practice before the Connecticut bar at New Haven and in the following month opened an office at Bridgeport, where he continued until January 10, 1881, when he took up his abode in Newtown, his removal to this place being the result of an invitation to do so from the late Aaron Sanford, then high sheriff. His first law case won for him public attention in that it took a most unusual turn, as he caused the arrest of his own client. It was always characteristic of Judge Beecher that he would never enter upon a case in which he did not believe in the justice of the cause which he was to defend. He always prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and presented the evidence with clearness and force. After practicing successfully in Newtown for eleven years he opened an office in Bridgeport in October, 1892, at the same time retaining his office and residence in Newtown. Two years later he entered into partnership with Frank M. Canfield, a well known attorney, under the firm style of Beecher & Canfield, with offices in the Sanford building of Bridgeport. The passing years marked the steady and substantial growth of his law practice. His reasoning was clear, his deductions logical and he seldom failed to win the verdict desired. The court records bear testimony of his close connection with many important cases. He was the chief counsel for the late C. H. Peck, executor of the estate of Elon Booth, who was removed from that office by Judge M. J. Bradley. Public opinion felt that this was a most flagrant act in which an injustice was done to an honest man, and in this opinion the superior court coincided, reinstating Mr. Peck. It was a matter of great joy to Judge Beecher, for he felt that it was an entire vindication of his client, whom he knew to be a thoroughly honest and reliable man. Judge Beecher's firm was also employed as counsel for the contestants in the will of the late Horatio Lake, who disinherited his relatives and willed most of his estate to Yale University. After considerable activity in behalf of this case the matter was settled out of court and Mr. Lake's heirs secured a substantial amount of his fortune.

In November, 1886, William J. Beecher was elected judge of the district probate court and filled the office for two terms. In

the election of 1906 Judge Beecher was named for the position as the candidate of the republican party and the leading citizens of Newtown, irrespective of party affiliation, labored for and brought about his election. In succeeding elections he was again made the democratic candidate and he always commanded a very large support among the independent voters of the town. He discharged the duties of his position in a most capable and creditable manner. Probate experts have pronounced his records ideally perfect. This did not comprise the full extent of his public service, however, for he was a loyal supporter of the Newtown high school and did everything in his power to stimulate in the boys and girls of the community a keen interest in acquiring a high school education. For ten years at least prior to his demise he gave forty dollars in gold to be used as prizes on the occasion of each annual commencement and modestly withheld from the public a knowledge of who was back of this gift.

While the practice of law was his real life work, Judge Beecher was also connected with important business and semi-public interests. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the organization of the Newtown Water Company, supplying water to the borough. At the last moment, when the financial resources were exhausted, he and one other citizen provided a very large amount of money necessary to complete the project. In 1901 he was elected to the directorate of the Newtown Savings Bank and during the last two years of his life served on its loaning committee and also acted as the bank's attorney. He took much interest in the growth of the institution and his professional and business opinions concerning its management were of great worth to the bank.

In 1891 Judge Beecher was united in marriage to Miss Mary Blakesley Glover, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beers Glover. They became parents of two daughters and a son: Florence Glover, Henry Glover and Marguerite Katharine. The death of his only son in November, 1897, was a blow to Judge Beecher from which he never recovered. His interest always centered in his family and he found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. The Judge held friendship inviolable and exemplified in his life the Emersonian philosophy that "the way to win a friend is to be one." He was ever faithful to the teachings of the

Masonic fraternity, having become a Master Mason in 1905. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed assistance and many young men starting out in business have profited by his counsel and by his generous aid. He was free from ostentation and display, but those who knew him recognized in him a sterling worth that was manifest in an honorable and successful professional career and in his loyal friendship and in his devotion to his family. He could be firm and austere if the occasion demanded, but he possessed a warm strain of sympathy that responded to the call of the sick or the needy or to those who needed encouragement. He had traveled life's journey for fifty-six years when death called him and his entire record during that period had gained him the high esteem and warm regard of all. Such was his position in public opinion that during the hour of his funeral services the town suspended business, the schools were closed and flags in the city were lowered to half-mast. In his passing Newtown mourned the loss of a man of generous impulses and of marked public spirit, but the memory of his upright life continues as an inspiration to those who were associated with him.

GEORGE EDWARD VON GAL

George Edward Von Gal, president and treasurer of the Imperial Silk Works, Inc., of Danbury, is contributing to the continuous commercial development of the city through his successful management of this enterprise. A native of the city in which he still resides, he was born February 7, 1893, a son of Edward J. and Theodora (Bloomer) Von Gal. The mother is now deceased. The father, who for many years was a hat manufacturer of Danbury, is now living retired, making his home in the country. He was a member of the hospital board and was actively associated with many civic matters promoted for the benefit of the community.

George E. Von Gal attended the grade and high schools of Danbury and afterward the Pawling School for Boys at Pawling, New York. He then entered his father's hat manufactory in order to learn the business, desiring to acquaint himself with

every phase of the work. He thus gained an intimate knowledge of all the processes of manufacture and in course of time won promotion until he became treasurer of the Von Gal Hat Company, Inc., retaining that official connection with the business until 1918. In 1913, however, he had taken over the J. G. Irving silk goods business, which he incorporated, becoming its president, treasurer and general manager. He reorganized the business under the name of the Imperial Silk Works, Inc., and is sole owner of the enterprise, which is given over to the manufacture of silk hat bands and braids, its goods being sent to hat manufacturers throughout the entire country. The business is one of gratifying proportions and its trade relations are being constantly extended.

On the 10th of June, 1916, Mr. Von Gal was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Vreeland, daughter of Herbert H. and Carrie L. (Reed) Vreeland, of New York city, the latter now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Von Gal are the parents of four sons, namely: George Edward, Jr., Herbert Vreeland, Donald Reed and John Crosby. Both Mr. and Mrs. Von Gal hold membership in the First Congregational church and he is also a loyal follower of Masonic teachings, belonging to Union Lodge, No. 40, F. &. A. M.; Eureka Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery, No. 10, K. T.; Worcester Council, No. 28, R. & S. M.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Along the more strictly social lines he has connection with the Danbury, Ridgewood Country and Norwalk Country Clubs, and something of his ideals of citizenship is shown in the fact that he is a member of the Rotary Club. Throughout his business career he has been identified with the manufacturing interests of Danbury and has contributed to the reputation of the city as one of the important industrial centers of New England.

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RAYMOND R. GANDY, M. D.

In the field of professional service Dr. Raymond R. Gandy has made continuous progress. From comprehensive study and research and from years of practical experience he has gleaned valuable truths in connection with the science of medicine, and has

long been classed with the leading physicians and surgeons of Stamford. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1874, and is a son of Alfred Reeves and Tryphena (Massey) Gandy. The grandparents were Lewis and Jane Ann (Reeves) Gandy, the former a native of Tuckahoe, New Jersey. The grandfather became a master mariner and was captain of a schooner plying between Boston, Massachusetts, and the Carolinas. Afterward he engaged in the storage warehouse business in Philadelphia and remained in that city until his death. His son, Alfred Reeves Gandy, was born in Tuckahoe, New Jersey, in October, 1848, and successfully followed in the business footsteps of his father, also operating a storage warehouse in the Quaker city, where he still resides. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the democratic party and is a Presbyterian in religious faith. His wife was born in 1853 and has always lived in Philadelphia. Her father, Enoch Massey, was a native of England and left that country in his youth, becoming a citizen of the United States. He purchased a steam packet and transported fruit from Delaware to Philadelphia, while later he owned and navigated a tugboat, which he operated in the vicinity of that city.

Dr. Raymond R. Gandy was a pupil in the public schools of his native city, and next attended Temple College of Pennsylvania. In 1899 he received the M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and in the same year located in Colchester, Connecticut, where he followed his profession until 1909. For two years he lived abroad with his family, studying under some of the noted physicians and surgeons of Vienna, Austria, and Berlin, Germany, and then returned to the United States. A year was devoted to postgraduate work in the Sloane Hospital for Women of New York city and on September 27, 1911, he opened an office in Stamford, which has been the scene of his professional activities for seventeen years. His present address is No. 57 Broad street. His attention is chiefly given to obstetrical and surgical work, in which he excels, and his practice has assumed extensive proportions. He is devoted to his work and his is a nature in which self is so completely subordinated to duty that he is never conscious of making a personal sacrifice.

Dr. Gandy was married June 20, 1900, in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Esther A. Bejbom, who was born in Stockholm,

Sweden, June 13, 1876, and when a child of four came to America with her parents. In 1894 she was graduated from one of the high schools of Brooklyn, New York, afterward taking a two years' course in higher education, and then taught in the public schools of that city for a year. She was a daughter of Frans Bejbom, who was born December 2, 1852, in Sweden, and came to America when a young man. He has been connected with Tiffany & Company of New York city for a half century and he shapes his conduct by the teachings of the Dutch Reformed church. His wife, Matilda (Vretholm) Bejbom, was born in Sweden, March 14, 1852, and they reside in Brooklyn.

Dr. and Mrs. Gandy have two children. The son, Dr. Raymond Alfred Gandy, was born September 15, 1901, and after his graduation from the Culver Military Academy of Indiana matriculated in the University of Virginia, which awarded him the degree of A. M. in 1923. He was graduated from the medical department of that institution in 1927 and is now resident physician in the University Hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia. In Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1924, he married Miss Helen Kent, by whom he has one child, Raymond Alfred, Jr. The daughter, Gladys Bejbom, was born May 15, 1905, and in 1924 was graduated from the Low-Heywood School at Shippan Point, Stamford, Connecticut. She also had the benefit of instruction in art at The Art Students League of New York city and is now attending the New York School of Applied Design. She is a member of the Stamford Junior League.

Dr. and Mrs. Gandy have traveled extensively through the United States and in 1926, accompanied by their daughter, they went on an eight months cruise around the world.

Dr. Gandy was a second lieutenant in the Connecticut Home Guard during the World war and his wife was active in Red Cross work. She had charge of one of the surgical departments and received a medal from the Serbian government for her services. Formerly she was president of the woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Stamford and is director of the Young Women's Christian Association. She is vice president of the Stamford Day Nursery, is serving for the second term as president of the Stamford Woman's Club, and also belongs to the Women's Republican Club, the Schubert Club and the Stam-

ford Yacht Club. In the activities of the various societies of the Congregational church she takes a helpful part and is a member of its music committee. While she works toward high ideals, Mrs. Gandy utilizes practical methods in their attainment, and has generously given her services for the public good. The Doctor is also an adherent of the republican party and has been a deacon of the Congregational church. His Masonic affiliations are with the lodge, chapter, council and commandery in Stamford, the consistory in Norwich, and the shrine at Hartford. The nature of his recreation is indicated by his identification with the Stamford and Halloween Yacht Clubs. He is connected with the staff of the Stamford Hospital, is an ex-president of the Stamford Medical Society, and also belongs to the Fairfield County and Connecticut State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. Dr. Gandy has chosen for his life work a field of broad usefulness and owes his professional success to intensive study, tireless effort and the wise use of the talents with which nature has endowed him. Calm, dignified and well poised, he is always to be relied upon in an emergency and his kindness of heart and innate courtesy have established him high in public esteem.

A. WILLIAM SPERRY

A. William Sperry, a dominant figure in the management of the business of the Danbury Power & Transportation Company, is known throughout New England owing to his ability as a civil and construction engineer and has done notable work in that connection. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, January 22, 1870, a son of Alfred N. and Lois E. (Ryerson) Sperry, natives respectively of Westville, Connecticut, and Abington, Massachusetts. From the time of its early settlement to the present day members of the Sperry family have figured conspicuously in events that have shaped New Haven's history. The first to settle in this part of the country was Richard Sperry, whose name appears as early as January 4, 1663, and who owned Sperry's farms in Woodbridge, near the Judge's Cave and westward of West Rock. He was the last friend and protector of the regicides,

Goffe and Whalley, at a time when their pursuers from England were trying to find their hiding places. Alfred N. Sperry was long a forceful personality in manufacturing circles of New Haven, where he died in 1918. His wife passed away in that city, May 21, 1902. They had two sons: A. William; and Dr. Frederick N. Sperry, a prominent physician of New Haven and clinical professor of laryngology and otology at Yale University.

In the acquirement of an education A. William Sperry attended the public schools of his native city, during which time he carried newspapers under the direction of our able congressman and leader of the house of representatives, John Q. Tilson. In 1886, when a youth of sixteen, he began work for Sylvanus Butler, the local land surveyor and former town clerk of New Haven. A year later Mr. Sperry became an employe of the New Haven firm of Bruen & Shepard, the former a graduate of the engineering department of Cornell University and the latter of the same department of Yale. In 1890 the firm was dissolved and Mr. Bruen continued the business alone for two years, at the end of which time it was sold to James P. Bogart. Meanwhile Mr. Sperry had progressed through the various departments, gradually assuming heavier responsibilities, and in 1893 became Mr. Bogart's partner. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he entered the service of his country, joining the engineering corps in the coast fortifications department, and aided in maintaining the eastern defenses of New York city, at New Haven, Stonington, New London, Plum island and Gull island. Later he was transferred to the ordnance department and in 1899 was honorably discharged. Upon his return home the business of the firm was divided and although Mr. Sperry and Mr. Bogart remained in adjoining offices, they conducted their interests individually. This arrangement was continued until Mr. Bogart's death in 1901, when Mr. Sperry purchased his business from the estate and organized The William Sperry Company, Inc., engineers and surveyors. In 1903 the Sperry Engineering Company, contractors, was formed and in 1905 the two corporations were merged under the style of The Sperry Engineering Company, Inc., A. William Sperry being president and directing head of the corporations from their inception. A branch was established at Bristol, Connecticut, in 1895 by Mr. Sperry and conducted under his name for a number of years, after which it became the prop-

erty of Sperry & Buell. The Sperry Engineering Company, Inc., forged rapidly to the front, taking its place with the leading firms of the kind in the east, and has built many vast enterprises in manufacturing lines as well as in public utilities, including electric railways and manufacturing plants. An outstanding achievement of the corporation was the construction of the famous Yale Bowl, which has a seating capacity of seventy-five thousand and is classed with the world's greatest amphitheaters. During the period of the World war, The Sperry Engineering Company, Inc., erected many large plants, including the rolling mill for the Scovill Manufacturing Company at Waterbury, the machine and casting shops for the American Brass Company, the Army Hospital at New Haven, the Army Barracks at Fishers Island, New York, and numerous office and public buildings. It was also during the war period that Mr. Sperry aided in the reorganization of the Shore Line Electric Railway, and in 1924 he came to Danbury to give advice in reorganizing the transportation, power and electric light business of the Danbury & Bethel Street Railway. The policies he recommended were carried out and resulted in taking the company out of its receivership, the selling of the light and power business to the Danbury & Bethel Gas & Electric Light Company and the 100 per cent substitution of motor buses for trolley cars, this being the first city in the United States to have 100 per cent motor bus transportation. The Danbury Power & Transportation Company has profited by the scientific knowledge and skill and the business experience and acumen of Mr. Sperry, its president and treasurer and principal stockholder, and is now on a very sound financial basis. Mr. Sperry was president of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers for one year.

Modern Connecticut Homes and Homecrafts, New York, 1921, describing the work of The Sperry Engineering Company said: "It is a wide range of endeavor that is included in the important achievements of this organization, and plentiful indeed are the successful examples of it swork in Connecticut. There is sufficient breadth of scope, it would seem, for any one concern that lays out interurban railways, builds and equips them, plans and constructs its viaducts and bridges, completes in record time America's greatest amphitheatre, constructs huge factories and other industrial buildings, entirely remodels the interior of a

building like the old New Haven Y. M. C. A. into an ultra modern office structure with equal facility. Within the category of homes it may be permissible to include club houses and one of the finest buildings of this kind erected in Connecticut in recent years is the Waterbury Club House, a handsome colonial structure designed by Cass Gilbert and built by The Sperry Engineering Company."

On the 24th of November, 1909, in East Haven, Connecticut, Mr. Sperry was married to Miss Margery E. Thompson, a daughter of Edward F. and Charlotte (Landcraft) Thompson. The children of this union are: Elizabeth Cowles, who was born in 1912; and William Thompson, born in 1913.

Mr. Sperry is a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards of Company F, New Haven Grays. His political views are indicated by his affiliation with the Young Men's Republican Club and Union League. Along social lines he is identified with the Quinnipiac Club, New Haven Country Club, the Golf Club, Danbury Club, and the Danbury Rotary Club. He was at one time president of the Connecticut Society of Engineers, of which he is still a member. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Wooster Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. A. M.; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix; Lafayette Commandery, A. A. S. R.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Early in his career Mr. Sperry realized that one must be willing to pay the price of success, which is gained only at the cost of earnest, self-denying effort, and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. His residence is now in Danbury.

GEORGE JOSEPH FINN, D. D. S.

Dr. George Joseph Finn, engaged in the practice of dentistry at Shelton, was born in Derby, Connecticut, March 7, 1885, devoting his early life largely to the acquirement of a public school education and to further study in a preparatory school, while in 1908 he won the degree of Bachelor of Arts from St. Bonaven-

ture's College at Allegany, New York. Having determined to make the practice of dentistry his life work, he then enrolled as a student in Temple University at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the D. D. S. degree in 1911. In the same year he opened an office in Shelton, where he has since remained, and through the intervening period, covering eighteen years, he has made steady progress, at all times keeping in touch with the latest scientific researches and discoveries of the profession and employing the most modern methods in his work.

On the 17th of March, 1919, Dr. Finn was married at Derby to Miss Elizabeth Brassiel and they are now parents of four children: George J., Jr., Catherine, Elizabeth and Philip. Dr. and Mrs. Finn attend St. Joseph's Catholic church and he is a member of the Elks lodge at Derby. Social and genial by nature, he has gained many friends, while his enviable professional standing is the direct outcome of his thorough study and close application to his duties.

JOSEPH CARRINE

Joseph Carrine, a well known business man of Danbury, has contributed materially to the success of the Friedman Fur Company as its manager, in which capacity he has served continuously since 1916. A native of Syria, he was born in Mount Lebanon in 1887 and pursued his education in the grammar schools of his birthplace. When a lad of thirteen years, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and entered a school to learn the trade of bookbinding. On attaining his majority, in 1908, he became associated with the White Plains (New York) courthouse and there engaged in bookbinding. Subsequently he spent some time in service with the city bookbinder of Waterbury, Connecticut, and afterward was similarly engaged in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and New Rochelle, New York. Eventually, however, he determined to abandon that work and accordingly went to Fall River, Massachusetts, to learn the fur business under James Marsh.

On returning to Fairfield county Mr. Carrine became identified with the American Hatters & Furriers Company, Inc., of Danbury, serving under Charles Parks until 1916, when he was

appointed manager of the Friedman Fur Company on North street, which he has thus represented throughout the intervening period of twelve years. His thorough knowledge of the fur business has constituted an important factor in the growth and success of the enterprise with which he is associated and he enjoys a well earned reputation among furriers of this part of the state. Mr. Carrine has never regretted his determination to try his fortune in the new world, for here he has made steady progress in the field of business and has also won many warm friends in social relations.

JOHN A. ZWYNER

Among the substantial business men of Danbury is numbered John A. Zwyner, a native of Germany, who is widely and favorably known as the executive head of the Eastern Fur Products Company and also has other important interests. In 1926 he entered the hatters' fur business and in two years has become one of the leading furriers in this section of the country. He has a large factory on Chestnut street in Danbury and is also successfully managing the business of the Mutual Gelatine & Glue Company, likewise a local firm. As a business man he is energetic, efficient and straightforward, and in matters of citizenship he is loyal, progressive and public-spirited. Mr. Zwyner has ever been a close and discriminating student of the vital problems and questions of the day and is extremely modest in his views and manner.

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